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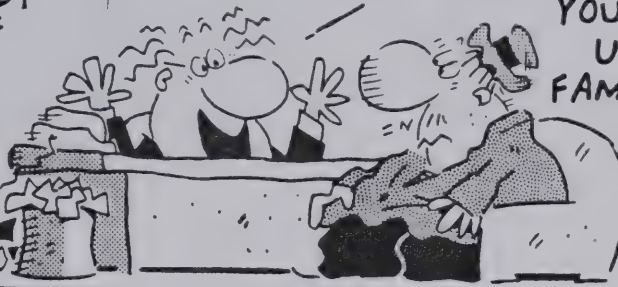
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Grandma's memories become family's most treasured gift

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother lives on a fixed income. For years I have sent her boxes of Christmas cards and stamps to help her with holiday expenses. They're a great gift for someone with a limited income who doesn't need one more bottle of bath oil or another knick-knack. I was surprised last year when she told me that she was working on a Christmas present for me. It was a history of her life.

She dictated her biography into a tape recorder, and my aunt used a word processor to transcribe it. It began: "I, Pearl Thompson, was born in Iroquois in Kingsbury County, S.D., on May 4, 1907." It goes on, sharing all the milestones of her 87 years. She describes her father and his sons claiming land in South Dakota; building their own houses; seeing Halley's comet in 1911; and how they survived the year the great drought hit. She shared how she met George (my grandfather) and some of her grandparents' genealogy, of which I was unaware.

My favorite story is a Christmas memory: "A special Christmas for me was during the '30s when a 10-gallon can of cream sold for \$3.50, and eggs were a nickel a dozen. George took the produce to town and came home carrying a pretty plate. I have used it every Christmas since."

And now her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have this precious memento to remember her by.

I hope you will tell your readers about my grandmother's priceless Christmas gift, Abby. Then perhaps



Dear Abby

more grandchildren will share in the true joy of the holidays.

TERRY L. THOMPSON, DALLAS

DEAR TERRY: A family history is a gift that money can't buy and exemplifies the true spirit of Christmas — the gift of "self." Although your letter arrived too late to inspire my readers last Christmas, perhaps it will be an incentive for those who have put off recording their family history. Read on for a similar example of "keepsake creativity":

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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago my parents made a videotape for their children and grandchildren. It was the most precious Christmas gift I have ever received.

They told us as much as they could remember about their parents, grandparents and family history. They told about their childhood, youth, meeting and falling in love. They described their early marriage, their hopes, dreams and plans for their life together. They talked about us children as babies, and related stories that were funny, sad, poignant and informative. They told of their triumphs and tragedies, dreams fulfilled and for-

saken. They repeated family stories that kids hear many times but soon forget.

There was no attempt to make it a professional tape. They simply borrowed a camcorder, set it up and started to talk. If a horn blew, a dog barked, a phone rang — no one seemed to care. It took them about a week to make the tape. One would talk until he or she was tired, then the other would sit down and carry on. The recorder would be turned off until the next day.

My parents are both gone now, but I can still hear their voices, see their faces and feel that they are here with me. This gift, which cost only a little time and a lot of love, is my greatest treasure.

MARTI ALLEN,
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

DEAR MARTI: From your description, I, too, can almost hear them talking. And for those people who are intimidated in front of a camera, or can't seem to get started, a simple question can get the ball rolling: "Mother, will you please tell me a little about your childhood and your family?"

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Caprino

GARRETT — Thomas A. Caprino, 71, died Monday at 5 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was the owner of Caprino Foods in Garrett for 26 years, retiring in 1991. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the American Legion, Eagles Lodge, and St. Joseph Catholic Church, all of Garrett, and a member and past president of the Garrett Rotary Club, from which he received the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

He was born April 30, 1924, in Marion, Ohio.

He married Josephine A. Bruno on June 28, 1947, in Marion, and she died March 23, 1977.

Surviving him are one son, Frank of Auburn; two daughters, Chris Caprino of Garrett and Marianne Caprino of New Albany; two brothers, Joseph of Schenectady, N.Y., and Charles of Vero Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Joe, Nicholas, Vincent and Alexander Caprino.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Nancy Gallina, and one brother, Anthony.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be con-

ducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 9 a.m. at the church. Father John Vrabely will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside rites.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, or Masses at the church.

Gerald McConnell

BUTLER — Gerald D. McConnell, 59, died Thursday at 6:10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was employed for 28 years at Ball Brass Foundry in Auburn. He was a Butler resident.

Mr. McConnell was born Aug. 18, 1936, in Auburn to Delos and Avonna (Mock) McConnell. They survive in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kim Edgar of St. Joe and Pam Crager of Butler; two brothers, Marvin of Hamilton and Lynn of Kendallville; one sister, Rita Howe of Florida; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Estal Parker

WATERLOO — Estal M. Parker, 97, died Monday at 1:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a resident of U.S. 6, Waterloo. She was a nurse and bookkeeper for her husband's medical practice in Fort Wayne, where she formerly lived. She was a member of the Fort Wayne Order of Eastern Star, Faith Shrine 29, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 29, 1898, in Springfield, Ohio, to the late John C. and Mary B. (Hickman) Cripps.

She married Dr. C.B. Parker in 1921 in Van Wert, Ohio, and he died in 1972.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Teresa Parker of Waterloo and Richard and Margaret Parker of Churubusco; five grandchildren, Richard Parker Jr., Scott Parker, Jon Parker, Randy Parker, and Kristine Porter; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One brother, one sister, and one half-brother preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be

given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Naomi Stayner

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ORLAND — Naomi Ann Stayner, 95, died Saturday at 7 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1900, in Lebanon, Ky., to Charles and Sarah (Shively) Patterson. She married Ora T. Stayner and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1992.

She is survived by one son, Ora T. Stayner of Edon, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Cleon (Hazel) Kain of Orland; one brother, Edwin Patterson of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial was in Jackson Prairie Cemetery of Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice.

Margaret Rettig

ANGOLA — Margaret A. Rettig, 79, died Sunday at 7:06 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Angola for six years. She was a registered nurse working at Parkview in pediatrics, as a nursing instructor and as the director of the school of nursing. She was the dean of the School of Nursing at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., from 1968 to 1982. She later served as interim chair of nursing at Soumi College in Hancock, Mich., retiring in 1987. She received her doctorate from Northern Michigan University in 1994.

She organized Daybreak, an adult day-care center in Steuben County, and served three years as board chairwoman of the Steuben County Red Cross.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Zonta, Pi Lambda Theta, Sigma Theta Tau, National League for Nursing, Steuben County Well Child Clinic and the American Heart Association.

She was born July 12, 1916, in Fort Wayne to George and Martha (Gallmeier) Weller.

She is survived by one brother, George Weller of Portland, Ore.; and one sister, Lorraine Schmidt of Angola.

She was preceded in death by one brother, the Rev. Robert Weller, in 1978; and one sister, Martha Weller, in 1994.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont. Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch will officiate. Entombment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Margaret Weller Rettig scholarship fund of Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855.

Shirley Burris

ANGOLA — Shirley "Shan" A. Burris, 65, died Sunday at 11:25 p.m. at her home in Angola.

She lived in Angola for 36 years, coming from Payne, Ohio. She had been employed by Bender Electronics, and DeVilbiss I.T.W. Ransburg, Angola. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1930, in Huntington County to Fred and Bernice (Shonkwiler) Haneline. On July 2, 1950, she married Calvin Burris. He survives her in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel Burris of Buras, La., and Kenneth Burris of Angola; one daughter, Paula Turlich of Clanton, Ala.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling or services at this time. Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice and Home Health, Angola.

The Evening Star (H.) Sunday

Deaths/Funerals

Lloyd Husselman

WATERLOO — Lloyd W. Husselman, 74, died Wednesday at 9 p.m. in his rural Waterloo residence.

Mr. Husselman was a self-employed farmer and in 1989 he retired from Stanadyne, Garrett, with 15 years of service.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

He was born March 2, 1921, in DeKalb County, to H. Earl and Delia (Miller) Husselman, who are deceased.

On March 16, 1951, he married Ellen Rosenberry in Auburn. She died Oct. 2, 1990.

He is survived by a son, Wesley A. Husselman of Butler; a daughter, SueAnn Anderson of Auburn; two sisters, Betty Dilgard of Auburn, and Bonnie Christlieb of Angola; and two grandchildren, Scot Vincent of Auburn and Ryan Vincent of Okinawa, Japan.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Brian Wilcox of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and the Rev. Al Black of the County Line Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Ada Black

ANGOLA — Ada L. Black, 87, of Angola and formerly of Noble County, died at 9:40 a.m. Thursday in Lakeland Nursing Center.

She was born Aug. 3, 1908, in Huntington County, to George and Martha (Schenkel) Bechtold.

On Aug. 5, 1939, she married Dallas Black in

LaFountaine. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Mrs. Black, a homemaker, attended the Ligonier United Methodist Church and was a member of Ligonier Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving are two daughters, Penny McDonald of Angola, and M. Catherine Bergman of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Arthur Bechtold of South Whitley; two sisters, Clara Mae Cordill of South Whitley, and Mary Smith of Leesburg; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Heath and Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Arthur Feldman

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Arthur E. Feldman, 75, died Tuesday at the Norton Hospital in Louisville.

Formerly of 108 Iwo St. in Auburn, he was retired from Garrett Tubular. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He belonged to the Free & Accepted Masons in Willoughby, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Feldman.

He is survived by one nephew, C. Roger Hines; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was cremated at the Vogt Crematory with no visitation or services. Arrangements were handled by the Arch L. Heady & Son Funeral Home in Louisville.

Lola Capen

AUBURN — Lola Capen, 75, died early Wednesday morning at DeKalb Health Care Center.

She retired in 1990 after 10 years in the customer service office with Kmart, Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 1, 1920, in Indianapolis to the late James W. and Bertha (Miles) DeHart.

She married Franklin B. Capen on Aug. 31, 1957, in Angola, and he died in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Sherry L. Windsor of LaHabra, Calif.; three sons, Donald B. Barman of Fort Wayne, Robert Capen of Schwenksville, Pa., and John Capen of Corona, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Jean Vose of Auburn; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One stepdaughter, Nancy Capen, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Gorman McKean

BERNE — Gorman E. McKean, 74, died Wednesday at 11 p.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital. He had been ill since Dec. 31.

He retired from Berne Furniture Co. as the mill room superintendent with 47 years of service, and was a Berne resident. He was a member of the First Mennonite Church, its men's chorus and the Mennonite Choral Society. He was a former church Boys League leader and past president of the Berne Lions Club.

He was born April 21, 1921, in Adams County to the late Millard and Mary (Lehman) McKean.

He married Lorraine Lehman on July 31, 1945, in

Berne and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard of Auburn and William of Berne; two daughters, Carol (Mrs. James) Buckingham of Geneva and Barbara (Mrs. Gregg) Sprunger of Berne; one brother, Robert of Berne; and 10 grandchildren.

One sister, Faye McKean, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-9 and Saturday after 8 a.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Mennonite Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

A. Berniece Carr

BUTLER — A. Berniece Carr, 86, died Wednesday at 5:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 10, 1909, in Hamilton to the late Vern and Rosa (Mills) Houlton.

She married John I. Carr on Jan. 14, 1943, in the E.U.B. parsonage in Butler, and he died Aug. 31, 1966.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Wilma Capp of Butler; and a brother, George Houlton of Marianna, Fla.; nine stepgrandchildren, several stepgreat-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one stepson, Lawrence Carr; one stepdaughter, Helen Grogg; three brothers, Lewis, Claude and Leon Houlton; and one sister, Mable Fee.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Thelma Riddle

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Thelma M. Riddle, 78, died Dec. 31 at her residence in Santa Maria, Calif.

She was raised and educated in Metz, and lived in the Metz-Angola area for more than 30 years. Since moving to Santa Maria, she worked for many years as a volunteer at Marian Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 17, 1917, in Sturgis, Mich., to Roscoe and Sina May (Stout) Wall.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Willibey of Santa Maria; two brothers, Earl Wall of Tucson, Ariz., and Gerald Wall of Angola; one sister, Mrs. Leta Short of Tucson, Ariz.; numerous nieces and nephews; two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. Friday in the Chapel of the Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Santa Maria, Calif. The Rev. Howard Leverett will officiate. Cremation was requested with private interment at a



later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marian Medical Center Auxiliary, 1400 E. Church St., Santa Maria, CA 93454.

James Leitch Sr.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — James Leitch Sr., 53, of Las Vegas died there Dec. 27 following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 16, 1942, in Garrett to Dallas and Mary (Kessling) Leitch.

Mr. Leitch, a graduate of Wolcottville High School, had moved from Alaska to Las Vegas 20 years ago. He was a veteran of the Korean War and owned Leitch Associates Realty in Las Vegas.

Surviving are his wife, Pannee; two sons, James Leitch Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska, and Andrew Leitch of Santa Ana, Calif.; a stepson, Paul Charupoom of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; four sisters, Marcielle Leatherman of Albion, Freida Leach of Garrett, Joan Houser of LaGrange, and Rosalie Johnson of Elkhart; six brothers, Wilmer Leitch of Albion, Leo Leitch of Brownwood, Texas, Willard Leitch of Pineville, La., Dick Leitch of Fort Wayne, Danny Leitch of Las Vegas, and Ray Leitch of Danville, Iowa; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Saturday in Las Vegas.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Robert Earl Shaw**, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hockmeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Steven "Bud" Hackworth**, 41, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly Tuesday morning. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Putnam Funeral Home, Union City, Mich., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Corinne Mae Fox**, 71, died Tuesday. No services. Calling 2-4 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond Hanks**, 63, died Dec. 28 in Florida. Services were held in Lakeland, Fla., Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Cleophus Jones**, 80, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greater Progressive Baptist Church, 2215 John St., with calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **James B. Martin**, 37, died Monday at home. Services will be private at D.O.

McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecreek Road.

FORT WAYNE — **Elma Louise Poling**, 92, died Dec. 31. Memorial services were Wednesday in Concord, Calif.

FORT WAYNE — **Arthur C. Pontius Jr.**, 75, died Tuesday at home. Memorial services at 3 p.m. Friday in Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St. The family will receive friends in the Folsom Room of the church following services.

FORT WAYNE — **Judith V. Rathgaber**, 75, died Dec. 31 in Florida. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2214 S. Calhoun St. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Gertrude F. Reichard**, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2214 S. Calhoun St., with calling two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth Portman Rubinstein** died Tuesday in Miami, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals.

FORT WAYNE — **William H. Sherbondy**, 91, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Krauss Chapel of Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St. Calling 4-7 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph D. Silk**, 26, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Sandra Dee Stetler**, 28, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday and three hours before services on Saturday.



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Lloyd Husselman

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Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Heath and Hospice.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Rick A. Beltz, 30, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Jessica M. Bierbaum, 8, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Andrew Catholic Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn L. Henderson, 84, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Highland Park Cemetery Chapel, 2403 E. Wallen Road with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — Marion B. Jewell, 87, died Dec. 26, 1995. Memorial services at 2 p.m.

Saturday in Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St.

FORT WAYNE — Helen Elizabeth John, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road with calling there from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Velma M. McQuade, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home, Hillsdale, Mich. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — Dale Merriman, 74, died Monday. Services were Thursday in Frain Mortuary, Winamac.

FORT WAYNE — Virginia Osterman, 84, died Wednesday. Prayer services at 10:40 a.m. Saturday in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — Cecilia J. Till, 98, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — Russell O. York, 75, died Wednesday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., and 10 a.m. Saturday in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — Jon R. Hildebrand, 60, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

NEW HAVEN — Edith "Marie" Fillman, 86, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Cedarville Community Church, Leo-Cedarville. Calling 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur and from noon until service time Monday at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Elaine Underhill

FORT WAYNE — Elaine F. Underhill, 54, died Wednesday in Tijuana, Mexico.

She retired in 1995 from teaching in the DeKalb Eastern Community School District, with 22 years of service. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Underhill was born Aug. 18, 1941, in Boston, Mass. to Francis F. and Madelyn (Higgins) Nicholas. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne and her father is deceased.

She married Sam G. Underhill on Feb. 1, 1964, in Fort Wayne and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig of Mishawaka and Douglas of West Lafayette; three brothers, Kenneth Nicholas and Robert Nicholas, both of Fort Wayne and Donald Nicholas of Muncie; and two sisters, Carol Vodde of Fort Wayne and Joanie Shank of St. Louis, Mo.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb, & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A vigil will be held Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Ila E. Housholder**, 95, died at noon Friday at McCray Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla. Calling is at the church from noon until services.



Deaths/Funerals

Russell Bunn

GARRETT — Russell L. Bunn, 90, died Saturday at 7:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was the Chevrolet dealer at Huntertown Auto Sales in Huntertown from 1935 to 1957. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Huntertown Masonic Lodge 689, F.&A.M. He lived in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 28, 1905, in Allen County to the late Jefferson and Minnie (Genth) Bunn.

He married Ruby G. Oyer on June 8, 1931, in Napoleon, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ed of Garrett and Donald of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Opal DeWitt of Fort Wayne and Anna Davis of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph, Clarence, and Merle, and one sister, Mae Bunn.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer and Keith Bunn officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Compu-care or the First Church of Christ.

F. Jeanette Muzzillo

GARRETT — F. Jeanette "Jan" Muzzillo, 84, of Garrett, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was born June 15, 1911, in Sparta, Mich. to Ward and Grace (Chisholm) Maynard. On Sept. 14, 1960, in Park Ridge, Ill. she married Martin M. Muzzillo. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 1990.

Mrs. Muzzillo was a bookkeeper and a member of Gamma Phi Beta in Garrett and a 50-year member of Noble Chapter No. 122 Order of Eastern Star in Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons, William Potts of Bryan, Ohio, and Tom Potts of Springfield, Ohio; a stepson, Paul Muzzillo of Garrett; a brother, John Maynard of Green Valley, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Jean Potts; and two sisters, Dorothy Cheever and Shirley.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in McKee-Miles Funeral home, Garrett, with the Rev. Bill Dunfee of Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Alice Longworth

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Alice Louise Longworth, 78, died Sunday at her home in Hicksville.

She began her career as an educator in 1966, teaching social studies and English at Hicksville High School. She earned a master's degree in English from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and was later certified in library science. She taught English and served as the school librarian at Hicksville until her retirement in 1986.



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She organized the school's quiz bowl panel in 1981 and served as its advisor. The panel won the Green Meadows Conference championship the same year.

Mrs. Longworth was co-founder with Alice Doeden of the Hicksville Village Players theater group in 1973, and served as director and assistant in productions through 1991.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Acme Club, AAUW, and Grace United Methodist Church, where she served as an organist for over 40 years. She was active in Rotary Ann.

She was born in Auburn to the late Martha and Louis Whitten and graduated from Auburn High School. She attended Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, and Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, graduating with honors in English in 1938. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Theta, and a campus beauty queen in 1937 and 1938.

She married Robert Smith Longworth on July 2, 1938, and he died Sept. 4, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith Ann Wachter of Afton, Iowa, and Ellen Louise Longworth of Haverhill, Mass.; one son, Robert Whitten of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Charles Whitten, Esther Watson, Ruthe McKittrick, Elizabeth Buehrig and Barbara Brandon.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville, with calling after 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hicksville Village Players, in care of Corinne Humi, Village Realtors, Hicksville, OH 43526 or Defiance County Home Health Hospice, 197-C Island Park Ave. Defiance, OH 43512.



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Georgia Ferris

COLUMBIA CITY — Georgia C. Ferris, 81, died Sunday at 8 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she had resided for seven years.

She retired in 1979 with 16 years' service at White's Westwood Supermarket (now Owen's SuperValu) in Auburn and was a former Auburn resident.

Mrs. Ferris was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Hamilton to the late Milo and Sidean (Bradberry) Nichols.

She married Weir Ferris on April 30, 1931, in DeKalb County and he died June 28, 1978.

Surviving are one son-in-law, Laurel Richmond of Columbia City; two sisters, Luella Vaughn of Fremont and Aneta Whitlock of Auburn; two grandsons, Charles and Phillip Richmond, both of Columbia City; two granddaughters, Nancy Steele of Garrett and Peggy Jones of Fort Wayne; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Bonnie Lou; three brothers, Johnny, A.L. and Wayne Nichols; and two sisters, Ethel Martin and Ruth Hampshire.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Donald Ballard of New Life Fellowship Church of God, Columbia City, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Nihl Noll

STROH — Nihl K. Noll, 85, of Turkey Lake, Stroh, died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Southaven Nursing and Rehab Center, Kendallville.

He was born in Salem Center, Steuben County on Dec. 23, 1910, to Samuel and Ida (Allen) Noll. On Aug. 10, 1935, in LaGrange, he married Dorothy McDonald. She survives.

Mr. Noll, a 1927 graduate of Salem Center High School, had lived at Turkey Lake near Stroh since 1963, moving from Big Long Lake. He had been a farmer for 27 years and worked for Milford Schools for 14 years. He had also worked at Farmers State Bank in Stroh for several years. He was a member of South Milford Church of Christ and was a charter member of Stroh Lions Club.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Ralph Noll of Auburn, and Gary Noll of Angola; a sister, Bessie Boyer of Angola; three brothers, Dawson Noll and Don Noll, both of Hudson, and Vern Noll of Ashley; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Mike, Cecil and Dale Noll.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in South Milford Church of Christ near South Milford with Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Ralph Terry

ORLAND — Ralph R. Terry, 87, died Saturday at 11:35 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He graduated from Orland High School and had attended Tri-State University. He was a farmer, and a member of Orland Congregational Church, the Orland Fire Department and Orland Lions Club.

He was born May 30, 1908, in Steuben County to Raymond and LuLu (McNett) Terry.

On June 10, 1941, he married Joyce (Webb) Terry. She died Sept. 16, 1966.

He is survived by one daughter, Linda Harness of South Bend; one sister, Eleanor Partridge of Mount Shasta, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by one daughter.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Wanda Lusk

FREMONT — Wanda L. Lusk, 64, died Saturday at 3:30 a.m. at her home in Fremont.

She was an employee of QC Onics Manufacturing, Angola.

She was born Sept. 3, 1931, in Noble County to James and Pearl M. (Hinman) Jerraid.

She is survived by one son, Thomas Lusk of Fremont; one daughter, Sharon Mann of Angola; one brother, Guy Hinman of Angola; one sister, Mrs. Willard (Linda) Stetler of Fremont; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Glenn M. Walter, 83, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

LAGRANGE — Emma Borkholder, 87, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Locus Grove Mennonite Church, Burr Oak, Mich. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Flossie Rediger

ST. JOE — Flossie I. Rediger, 95, died Sunday at 3:40 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Allen County, but had lived the past eight years in St. Joe in DeKalb County.

Mrs. Rediger was born Sept. 23, 1900. She married Clarence Rediger, who died in 1982. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by: one daughter, Marcelle Storer of St. Joe; one son, Gerald Rediger of Peoria, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan. Burial will be in the Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be given to the Grabill Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Carroll Spear

PLAINFIELD — Carroll L. Spear, 76, died Sunday in Danville, Ind.

Mr. Spear was a security guard at Link Belt, Rexnord Corp. for 23 years, retiring in 1978. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a Plainfield resident and member of the Plainfield Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 4, 1918, in Sheridan, Ind., to the late Carl O. and Grace (Cox) Spear.

Surviving are his wife, W. Jean (Hohn) Spear; five sons, Rick L. Spear of Waterloo, Rusty J. Owens of Hartford, Conn., David A. Owens of Sarasota, Fla., Don L. Spear of Tipton, and Jeff L. Owens of Waldron; two sisters, Rosanna Shook of Lebanon, Ind., and Maxine Dwiggins of Indianapolis; three daughters, Linda S. Collins of Danville, Susie K. Owens of Fishers, and Jackie D. Miley of Noblesville; one brother, Marvin Spear of Noblesville; and 17 grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Conkle Funeral Home, Hendricks County Chapel, in Avon.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Crown View Cemetery. The Rev. David Hall will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Little Red Door.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Katherine L. Ostrander, 80, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — Ralph E. Coblentz, 89, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, 845 W. Creighton Ave. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — William K. Gamble, 75, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Christ Temple Apostolic Church, 1327 Winter St., with calling there 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ruth Ingle, 76, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — Lewis I. Kimmel, 75, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Peggy Lou (Rode) Ladden, 54, died Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Lima, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — Marcella H. "Marty" Boyle Meyer, 73, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randallia Drive. Calling 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — Derrek D. Speight, 39, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway. Calling 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

FORT WAYNE — Eugene J. Staszewski, 52, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in South Bend.



Deaths/Funerals

Ernest Ruden

BUTLER — Ernest T. Ruden, 85, died Monday at 7:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He retired as a Chicago police officer in 1969, with 23 years of service. He lived in rural Butler with his granddaughter, Jennifer Green.

He was born Feb. 5, 1910, in Chicago to the late Ernest and Bertha (Leya) Ruden.

He married Elsie E. Carlson on April 28, 1934, in Chicago and she died May 15, 1992.

Surviving are one son, Paul E. of Muscatine, Iowa; one daughter, Louise M. Hoeft of Hartford City; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Private services were conducted today at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Jeremy Russell of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler, officiated.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Paul Kline

WATERLOO — Paul George Kline, 92, died today at 12:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a Fairfield Township farmer and a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Mr. Kline was born Jan. 4, 1904, in South Milford to the late Emanuel and Olive (Metzger) Kline.

He married Amy Hecht on Feb. 26, 1926, in Kendallville and she died June 25, 1955. He married Alta Stillinger in August 1955 and she died Jan. 19, 1979.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Elaine Kline of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Al Scranage of Ashley; one sister, Pauline Ruble of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Marjorie Grandlienard; one brother, Everett; and one grandson, Keith Grandlienard.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial donations may be given to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Max Rowe

SOUTH MILFORD — Max E. Rowe, 63, of South Milford, died at 5:15 a.m. today in his residence.

He was born May 30, 1932, in Hudson to Wilbur and Vesta (Albright) Rowe. On June 28, 1975, in LaGrange, he married Flora Brummett, who survives.

Mr. Rowe spent most of his life in the Hudson, South Milford and Wolcottville area. He was a carpenter for J.O. Mory in South Milford and a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Joyce "Sue" Bender of Kendallville, Kathy Matasci of South Milford and Teresa Rowe of LaGrange; a son, Mike Rowe of South Milford; a stepson, Edward Houck of California; a brother, L.D. Rowe of Garrett; and nine grandchildren.

A brother, Dewey Rowe, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in South Milford Church of Christ with Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ building fund.

Nina Pentico

ANGOLA — Nina E. Pentico, 88, died Monday at 11:50 p.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She came to Steuben County in 1933, and was a homemaker. She was a 55-year member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

She was born April 19, 1907, in Burges, Newfoundland, Canada, to William and Clara (Matthews) Buffett. In 1927, she married Orville Pentico. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1967.

She is survived by three sons, Frederick Pentico of Angola, Orville Pentico Jr. of Crocker, Mo., and James Pentico of Hamilton; a daughter, Margaret Mills of Fort Wayne; a brother, Arhie Buffett of Canada; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one sister.

Graveside services begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in Circle Hill Cemetery. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Arrangements are being

made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. There will be no calling.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred Swartz, 95, of Kendallville, died at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday in Southview Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Kendallville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse of Harvest Community Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — Leo M. Sisson, 81, of rural LaGrange, died at 3 p.m. Monday in Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — Emerson Keck Decker, 65, died Saturday in Florida. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Frankfort.

FORT WAYNE — Priscilla A. Howard, 66, died Monday. Services 10 a.m. Friday in Indianapolis.

FORT WAYNE — Marie M. Lantz, 84, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — Blaine Oscar Richards, 74, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. today in Indianapolis.

FORT WAYNE — Lester H. Rigby, 92, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road; calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Mary Stephens, 84, died Saturday. Services Thursday in Jeffersonville, Ga.

FORT WAYNE — Anna Madge Thompson, 89, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — Joe M. Weeks, 59, died Sunday at home. Services will be private.

FORT WAYNE — Norma J. Widdifield, 85, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 3-7 p.m. today.



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Leah Wells

ANGOLA — Leah J. Wells, 93, died Wednesday at 5:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born March 15, 1902, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Ray and Esther (Rich) Fritz. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons, Carlton Ray Wells and Ron Wells, both of Fort Wayne, and Lavon Wells of Indianapolis; one daughter, Noreen Jones, of St. Charles, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling. Cremation will take place at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Dr. Stanley Leins

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Dr. Stanley Leins, 36, died Sunday about noon when a mini-plane he was piloting crashed at El Cajon, Calif., near San Diego.

Dr. Leins was an urgent-care physician at clinics in San Diego and San Clemente, Calif. He also flew supplies on medical missions to Mexico.

He was born June 21, 1959, in Illinois. His father, Ballard Leins, survives in Auburn and his mother, Roberta Leins, survives in Lombard, Ill.

Also surviving are one brother, Steve Leins of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Sheila Baker of St. Charles, Ill.; and his grandmother, Marie Klink of Auburn.

A memorial service was conducted Wednesday in San Diego. A second memorial service will take place Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Curtis Hackworth

RICHMOND, Ky. — Curtis Hackworth, 59, died Tuesday at 10:25 p.m. in Pattie A. Clay Hospital after a short illness.

He was a retired employee of Cooper Engineered Products, Division of Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., in Bowling Green, Ohio. He lived

in Richmond and formerly in Bowling Green.

Mr. Hackworth was born Sept. 26, 1936, in Letcher County, Ky., to the late Cecil and Goldie (Mullins) Hackworth.

He married Velta Fay Spradlin on Oct. 31, 1960, and she survives.

Surviving are two stepsons, Randy Mitsch of Hamilton and Robert Mitsch of Carey, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Debra Snyder and Barb Handshoe, both of Lima, Ohio; one brother, Harold of Bowling Green; two sisters, Janice Adams of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Joyce Mercer of Vine Grove, Ky.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Ada, Ohio, with the Rev. Karen Walters officiating. Friends may call Friday from 10 a.m. to service time. Burial will be in Preston Cemetery, Alger, Ohio.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Marion Erwin, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Jason Patrick Tackwell, 20, died Tuesday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

HOWE — Marcelene L. Yoder, 66, died Wednesday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday in First Church of God in LaGrange. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie B. Shannon Axson, 64, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Wallace E. Beer, 91, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — Clyde C. Brumm Jr., 75, died Sunday. Services will be private.

FORT WAYNE — Betty Jane (Ball) Cook, 94, died Tuesday. Graveside services Sunday in Madison, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — Freeda Mary Dafforn, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Missionary Church, 701 W. Rudisill Blvd. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — Keytron Jermaine Davis, 23, died Tuesday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Greater Progressive Baptist Church, 2215 John St., Fort Wayne. Calling from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — Michael C. Ferguson, 24, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — Inez Martin, 82, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Joseph E. Meintel, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and after noon on Friday.

FORT WAYNE — Heinz G. Sitianus, 77, died Tuesday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — Malisia B. Williams, 95, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home with calling there one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — Ova Clem, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Hunt Leslie

PLEASANT LAKE — Hunt H. Leslie, 80, died Thursday at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart and three battle stars.

A Steuben County resident since 1930, he retired in 1977 from the Steuben County Highway Department. He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31, of which he was a past commander. He was also a member of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205.

He was born Nov. 9, 1915, in Paulding, Ohio, to Ira C. and Leola M. (Bird) Leslie. On March 14, 1947, he married June (Coy) Leslie. She survives him.

He also is survived by three sons, Kyle Leslie and Kenneth Leslie, both of Angola; and James Leslie of Dimondale, Mich.; four daughters, Nancy Sherwood of Mason, Mich., Vickie Friskney and Deborah Sattison, both of Angola, and Kimberly Davis of Fremont; one brother, John Leslie of Albion; two sisters, Maxie Ward of Fort Wayne and Dorothy Yockey of Angola; 15 grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Lynn Leslie; one daughter, Doretta Jean Leslie; and two sisters, Axilene Yocquet and Nelly Vogel.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Arthur Harmon

AVILLA — Arthur Harmon, 72, died Thursday at 12:50 p.m. at his Avilla home.

He was a laborer at County Line Cheese for 15 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans of Auburn.

He was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Jackson, Ky., to the late James and Fannie (Little) Harmon.

Surviving are four sons, Jeffery of Fort Wayne, Roger of Avilla, Arthur Jr. of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ronnie of Marcellus, Mich.; four daughters, Sue and Jean Ann, both of Battle Creek, Joyce of Marcellus, and Nora Hatton of Avilla; three brothers, Floyd of Kalamazoo, Charles of Kokomo and Thomas of

Auburn; one sister, Flora Handshoe of Lisbon; several stepchildren, several grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

A longtime companion, LaVerne Wood, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ovie Mitchell, of the True Church of God in Jesus Name in Lisbon, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Wayne Thomas

FREMONT — Wayne G. Thomas, 76, died Tuesday at 9 p.m. at his residence on Lake George.

He retired in 1980 as a self-employed taxidermist. He formerly lived in Auburn, and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a native of Waterloo. His wife, Margaret, preceded him in death July 5, 1991.

Surviving are one son, Howard E. of Fremont; and one sister, Ruth L. Tibbals of Auburn.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery. There will be no calling. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Albert C. Waterson, 94, died Thursday. Services 10 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Homewith calling 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

TOPEKA — Nora Yoder died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Emma Mennonite Church, Emma, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Luenett Atkins, 90, died Tuesday. Services are pending in Marion, Ala.

FORT WAYNE — Max K. Callison, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — Virginia "Ginny" Cashman Hatcher, 38, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — Helen Malmstrom, 69, died Monday. Services were Tuesday in Kentucky.

COLUMBIA CITY — Nina Redman Rider, 75, died Dec. 24. Memorial services at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Wolf Lake Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

NEW HAVEN — Harold E. Kallmyer, 75, died Tuesday. Services were today in Waupaka, Wis.



Deaths/Funerals

Cassidy Weber

AVILLA — Cassidy Rose Weber, was stillborn Friday at 6:49 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Cassidy is survived by her parents, Clay and Amy Weber of Avilla.

Also surviving are two brothers, Justin and Austin Weber of Avilla; grandparents John and Sally Huelsenbeck of Avilla, Bill and Carol Newman of Kendallville, and Carl Weber of Kendallville; great-grandparents Hershel and Freda Huelsenbeck of Avilla and Donald and Jean Rhodes of Ruskin, Fla.

Graveside services followed by burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla at 10 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Robin Smith will officiate. There is no visitation.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

Gary Halbakken Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Gary L. Halbakken Jr., 23, died in LaGrange County Friday at 12:30

p.m.

Mr. Halbakken was born March 12, 1971, in Kendallville to Gary Halbakken Sr. and Barbara (Bolen) Halbakken, who survive in Kendallville.

He attended the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Kendallville.

He also is survived by his paternal grandparents Helen and William Halbakken of Detroit Lake, Minn.; and a brother, Ricky Halbakken of Kendallville.

A sister, Lisa Halbakken, preceded him in death.

Visitation is Sunday at Gospel Lighthouse Church starting at 2 p.m. until time of funeral services.

Funeral services begin Monday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Brushy Prairie Cemetery in LaGrange County. The Rev. Carter Hicks will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.



Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Howard

WATERLOO — Ruth Howard, 94, died Sunday morning in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived in Waterloo. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the Waterloo Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Dec. 8, 1901, to the late Elmer and Millie (Marsh) Waltmire.

She married Walter Howard in 1954, and he died in July 1976.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Andrew and Harrell Waltmire, and two sisters, Susie Harris and Bessie Coon.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Arthur Harmon

AVILLA — Arthur Harmon, 72, died Thursday at 12:50 p.m. at his Avilla home.

He was a laborer at County Line Cheese for 15 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans of Auburn.

He was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Jackson, Ky., to the late James and Fannie (Little) Harmon.

Surviving are four sons, Jeffery of Fort Wayne, Roger of Avilla, Arthur Jr. of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ronnie of Marcellus, Mich.; three daughters, Sue and Jean Ann, both of Battle Creek, and Joyce of Marcellus; three brothers, Floyd of Kalamazoo, Charles of Kokomo and Thomas of Auburn; four sisters, Flora Handshoe of Lisbon, Nora

Hatton of Avilla; Kathleen Ousley of Garrett, and Carrie Shepard of Kalamazoo, Mich.; several stepchildren, several grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

A longtime companion, LaVerne Wood, preceded him in death.

Services were conducted Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Ovie Mitchell, of the True Church of God in Jesus Name in Lisbon, officiated. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Earl Krantz

ANGOLA — Earl Jake Krantz, 80, died Saturday at noon in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

He retired in 1975 with 45 years of service as a crane operator for the Penn Central Railroad. He formerly lived in Edgerton, Ohio, and Angola. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born May 26, 1915, in Butler to the late Delbert and Hazel (Mock) Krantz.

He married Evelyn Demlow on Dec. 17, 1971, in Wauseon, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Stanley Hug of Eagle River, Wis.; five daughters, Mary Lee Cramm of Olathe, Kan., Jerry Jean Bateman of Fort Wayne, Joyce Krantz of Fort Lauderdale, Deborah Sonnenberg of Auburn, and Chris Crowl of Ashley; one stepson, Thomas Demlow of Orrville, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Ann Brigham of Wauseon, Ohio, Susan Burres of Kridersville, Ohio; and Deborah Martinez of Lima, Ohio; four brothers, Clayton of Cochise, Ariz., Alfred of Blakeslee, Ohio, Kenneth of Interlochen, Fla., and Floyd of Butler; three sisters, Sadie Hug of Apache Junction, Ariz., Alice Houlton of Auburn, and Jeanne Wehmer of Hammond; 15 grandchildren, 12 stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and five step-

great-grandchildren.

One brother and four sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor J. Arnold Fair of Faith Baptist Church, Angola, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Lola D. Rice

AUBURN — Lola D. Rice, 95, died Sunday at 3:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided for eight months.

Mrs. Rice was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn since 1930. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and its Maxine Coleman Circle, and a life member of the Auburn Garden Club.

She was born June 5, 1900, in Angola to the late Elmer and Lulu (Denman) Hobson.

She married Albert H. Rice on Dec. 25, 1920, in Fremont, and he died March 2, 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Max E. of Shreveport, La., and Don A. of Bluefield, Va.; two daughters, Mary E. (Mrs. George) McNutt of Auburn and Barbara L. (Mrs. John) Poffenberger of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Virginia R.; one brother, Wilbur Hobson; and one grandson, Donald.

Services will be conducted Wednesday, at a time to be determined, in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church or to SpectraCare of DeKalb home health care.

Dessa Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Dessa L. Freed, 89, died at 4:35 p.m. Saturday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. She had been seriously ill the past six weeks.

She was born in Garrett June 23, 1906, to Jacob and Ada (Treesh) Loutzenheiser. On June 11, 1925, in Hillsdale, Mich., she married Voyd Freed, who preceded her in death Oct. 10, 1986.

Mrs. Freed formerly owned Freed Grocery Store in the 1930s and 1940s and then worked as a core maker for Flint & Walling Manufacturing Co. Most recently she was a cashier for Albright's grocery in Corunna.

Surviving are a daughter, Ada Ruth Schleicher of Los Lunas, N.M.; a son, James Freed of Sandusky, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Carolyn Fox of Sandusky, Ohio, Mickie Scott of Kendallville, Thomas Freed of Auburn, and Cheryl Dirr and Jeff Freed, both of Garrett, Bobbie Carbajal of Bosque, N.M., and Carol Caswell and Christine Roath, both of Los Lunas; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Buddy; a daughter, Carol Jean; a granddaughter; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Roger Olson, chaplain of Shepherd of the Hill, officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill chapel fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Bertha C. Leffers**, 94, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Branson J. "Bud" Budreau**, 55, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret**

H. (Bodkin Schribner) Lloyd, 84, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Brooks Miller Borne**, 76, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Otto Joseph Charvat**, 76, died Tuesday. Services were Saturday in Clinton, Iowa. Burial will be today in Omaha, Neb.

FORT WAYNE — **Ethel W. Eldridge**, 68, died Friday. Services were Sunday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Martha A. Kuehner**, 83, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Ted M. Miller**, 80, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary E. Moody**, 87, died Thursday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Henry Persons**, 88, former Lincoln Life vice president, died Jan. 8 in California. Funeral services were Friday in Monarch Bay, Calif.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy J. Tucker**, 67, died Wednesday. Services were Saturday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard J. Vachon**, 68, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Geraldine "Lil Red" Braun**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Sidona K. "Donna" Coles**, 81, died Friday. Services were Sunday in Lafayette.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna Maxine Lindsey Debrular**, 79, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Arthur G. Gardt**, 87, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia Cashman Hatcher**, 38, died Jan. 8. Services were Sunday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Ray Leep Jr.**, 72, died Saturday. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Norma Jean Marshall**, 59, died Friday. Arrangements are pending.

FORT WAYNE — **Jearl Nelson**, 80, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Antioch Christian Church, Losantville. Calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in Blue River Funeral Home, Mount Summit, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Gloria J. "Aubrey" Winkelblech**, 69, died Friday. Services were today in Dayton, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Marvin L. Beck**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Marilyn Ann (Shannon) Gibson**, 56, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **James B. Smith**, 92, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Mausoleum Chapel in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Kevin Brian Wolf**, 27, died Friday. Memorial services were today in Traverse City, Mich.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Timothy William Erne**, 50, died Thursday. Services were today in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Laura I. Braddock**, 88, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Delbert Ewing**, 76, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-9 p.m. today.

HUNTERTOWN — **Eve Koogler**, 72, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — **Olive "Edna" Hazelet**, 97, died Friday. Private services.

NEW HAVEN — **Marjory C. Kremer**, 79, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1013 Powers St. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Elva Wessel

AUBURN — Elva Dale Wessel, 85, died Monday at 7:40 a.m. at her Auburn residence.

Mrs. Wessel lived in Fort Wayne most of her life, but lived in Auburn the past two years. She retired in 1977 after 10 years of service with Fort Wayne Community Schools as a cafeteria employee, and also was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 24, 1919, in McLeansboro, Ill., to the late George and Rosie (Tittle) Moore.

She married Frederick A. Wessel on June 15, 1932, in Jonesboro, Ind. He died Oct. 11, 1965. She also was preceded in death by one son, William, three sisters, Ruth, Reba and Avis, and two brothers, Cecil and Marshall Moore.

Survivors include one son, Roger A. Wessel of Auburn; six grandchildren, Denise Arnett, Susan Wessel and Mike Wessel, all of Fort Wayne, Beth Wessel and Babett Wyant, both of Auburn, and Fred Wessel of Oxford, Ind.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. James Cotter of the Praise Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Local arrangements were handled by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Lola Rice

AUBURN — Services for Lola O. Rice, 95, will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

The Rev. Karen Koelsch, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Wood-

lawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rice died Sunday at 3:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided for eight months.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn since 1930. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and its Maxine Coleman Circle, and a life member of the Auburn Garden Club.

She was born June 5, 1900, in Angola to the late Elmer and Lulu (Denman) Hobson.

She married Albert H. Rice on Dec. 25, 1920, in Fremont, and he died March 2, 1983.

Surviving are two sons, Max E. of Shreveport, La., and Don A. of Bluefield, Va.; two daughters, Mary E. (Mrs. George) McNutt of Auburn and Barbara L. (Mrs. John) Poffenberger of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Virginia R.; one brother, Wilbur Hobson; and two grandsons, Donald McNutt and Capt. Michael Thompson, USMC.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church or to SpectraCare of DeKalb home health care.

Bethel Shepherd

AUBURN — Bethel V. Shepherd, 63, died Monday at 10:10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and an Auburn resident, and a member of Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett.

She was born March 25, 1932, in Drift, Ky., to the late Hiram and Mallie (Bailey) Vanderpool. Her husband, James C. Prater, died in January 1970.

Surviving are one son, Gary Prater of Hueysville, Ky.; three

daughters, Donna Ousley of Auburn, Linda Moore of Findlay, Ohio, and Brenda Conley of Hueysville; two brothers, James Vanderpool and Hiram Vanderpool Jr., both of Shilo, Ohio; one sister, Vonda Vanderpool of Hueysville; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett. The Rev. Daryl Climenhaga, pastor of the church, and Rick Collins, a grandson-in-law, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Albertus Collins

ORLAND — Albertus B. Collins, 84, died Sunday at 4 a.m. at his home in Orland.

He graduated from Orland High School in 1929 and was a farmer.

He had been a member of the First Congregational Church of Orland since 1926, and served as a trustee. He was the Millgrove Township trustee from 1944 to 1952.

He was a charter member and the first director of the Steuben County Soil Conservation District, helping it achieve a state charter in 1949. He resigned to become a Steuben County commissioner from 1952 to 1960.

He was a charter member of the Orland Lions Club, and a member of the Orland Masonic Lodge and Orland Volunteer Fire Department. From 1950 to 1987, he was the director of the Greenlawn Cemetery Association and had been its president since 1987.



He was born Aug. 8, 1911, in Millgrove Township, Steuben County, to Albert J. and Eva (Cleveland) Collins.

On May 5, 1937, he married Gladys (Herberger) Collins. She survives him.

Also surviving are one son, Michael A. Collins of Orland; one daughter, Sue Shaw of Potomac, Md.; one brother, Cleveland "Ed" Collins of Avilla; one sister, Rachel Bair of Auburn; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Russell Collins; and three sisters, Gilee Collins, Lois Carlisle and Floaid Carlisle.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Congregational Church of Orland. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Congregational Church of Orland.

William Rice

FREMONT — William J. Rice, 71, died Sunday at 7:17 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was a dairy farmer and a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He attended Jehovah's Witnesses Hall.

He was born May 28, 1924, in Indianapolis to William and Lula (Ramey) Rice. His mother survives him in Plant City, Fla.

He also is survived by two sons,

Robert Rice of Fremont and Clifford Rice of Ligonier; two daughters, Virginia Rice of Waterloo and Teresa Riley of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Carl (Catherine) Crowley and Mrs. Ralph (June) Cannon, both of Plant City, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Bill Franke will officiate. Burial will be in Dygert Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Joanne Harter**, 49, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul H. Bradtmiller**, 71, died Sunday. His wife, Vera Jane, died Dec. 26, 1995. Memorial services for Mr. and Mrs. Bradtmiller will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Bethany Lutheran Church, 2435 Engle Road. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Gene Cummins**, 47, died Saturday. Service at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Don Leslie Dolan**, 73, died Dec. 23. Services were held in Farmington Hills,

Mich.

FORT WAYNE — **William A. Hamman Jr.**, 65, died Sunday. Services will be private.

FORT WAYNE — **Carlton E. Lee**, 75, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald J. Malcolm**, 78, died Saturday. Services Thursday in Clearwater, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — **Kathryn Putnam**, 92, died Thursday. Services were today in Sanford, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — **Lizzie Shroyer**, 101, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret Bartol Swoverland**, 83, died Monday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Elva Dale Wessel**, 85, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Evans R. "Wilkie" Wilkinson**, 85, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.



Deaths/Funerals

'Trudy' Outlaw

KENDALLVILLE — Laura G. "Trudy" Outlaw, 92, of Kendallville, died at 8:04 a.m. Tuesday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 18, 1903, in Bryan, Ohio, to Ernest and Wilhelmina (Miller) Priest. On June 18, 1922, she married Carl Outlaw. He preceded her in death Aug. 1, 1966.

Mrs. Outlaw was a 1921 graduate of Bryan High School and a member of English Lutheran Church in Bryan. She and her husband formerly owned and operated Outlaw's Corner Restaurant in Kendallville, and she was a waitress many years at Publix Cafe and Miller's Restaurant.

Surviving are three grandsons, James M. Swartz of Auburn, Kraig H. Swartz of St. Paul, Minn., and David H. Swartz of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lois M. Swartz, on May 10, 1994.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary or McCray Memorial Hospital, both in Kendallville.

Mildred Briggs

AVILLA — Mildred Briggs, 81, of Avilla, died early Tuesday in her winter home in Sunnyside Park in Zephyrhills, Fla.

She was born July 7, 1914, in Noble County to Floyd and Grace Bradley. On Aug. 29, 1934, she married Lewis Briggs. He survives.

Mrs. Briggs had retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was an active member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church for more than 50 years where she was a children's Sunday school teacher for many years.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Clara Jean Whan of Avilla, Janice Fike of Miami, Fla., Donna Mitchell of Rochester, and Grace Knafel of Greenwood; a brother, Vern Bradley of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lucille Lung of Garrett; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday in Sunnyside Park, Zephyrhills, at 3 p.m. A memorial service and visitation will be held at

a later date in LaOtto Wesleyan Church with the church's co-pastors, the Rev. Jim Watkins and the Rev. Lois Watkins, officiating.

Mary Till

HAMILTON — Mary M. Till, 94, died today in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She was a Hamilton resident.

Arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Mildred P. Schrock, 74, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Emma Mennonite Church, Emma, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Douglas Booker Jr., 45, died Jan. 3. Services were Jan. 10 in San Francisco.

FORT WAYNE — Vera Emelia Bowman, 80, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Columbus, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — Charles H. Crouse, 78, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Springfield, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — Floyd Daniel Fulbright died Saturday in Bristow, Okla., where services will be held Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — Paul M. Gilliland, 90, died Tuesday. Private services. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — Lucille E. Hobough, 94, died Sunday. Services Thursday in Arnold, Pa.

FORT WAYNE — Ruth D. Keeler, 82, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Noblesville. Calling from 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

FORT WAYNE — Pat Palmisano, 69, died Sunday. Mass of Christian Burial was today in Saint Augustine, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — Lorene M. Wass, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Margaret M. Wearing, 77, died Sunday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway. No calling.



Deaths/Funerals

Frances Yotter

ANGOLA — Frances Clemons Yotter, 76, died Wednesday at 4:50 p.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Yotter was raised in Greensburg. She had lived in Angola since 1967, moving from Indianapolis where she was active in the Warren Township Parent Teacher Organization and was a Girl Scout leader. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and the Steuben County Book Review Club.

She was born May 18, 1919, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Ira and Glenn (Downs) Clemons.

On Nov. 23, 1938, she married George Yotter. He survives her.

She also is survived by two sons, James Yotter of Fort Wayne, and Charles Yotter of Indianapolis; three daughters, Patricia Cole of Berkeley, Calif., Margaret Gigerich of Ridgefield, Conn., and Sarah Jaynes of Garden City, S.C.; two sisters, Sarah Venter of Frostproof, Fla., and Jessie Mills of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, James Clemons.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. The Rev. James Butler will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, 3024 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Marvin Michael

BRONSON, Mich. — Marvin Allen Michael, 67, died Tuesday at 10:20 a.m. as a result of a traffic accident on State Road 120, Snow Lake.

He worked for 24 years at Dana

Weatherhead Corp., Angola, retiring in 1972.

He was born Aug. 12, 1928, to Fred L. and Geneva (Wilkins) Michael in Battle Creek, Mich. On Nov. 15, 1953, he married Joan (Binkley) Michael. His wife and mother survive him.

He is also survived by three sons, Burton Michael of Fremont, and Michael Michael and Fred Michael, both of Montgomery, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Patricia) Gouins of Harrison, Maine, and Mrs. Walter (Linda) Tarbox of Lewiston, Maine; two sisters, Mrs. Durwood (Evelyn) Sickels of Fremont, and Iris McPhall of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred L. Michael; one brother, Fredrick Michael; and one sister, Hilda Thomas.

Friends may call tonight from 6-9 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Iseral Tussey

GARRETT — Iseral Tussey, 76, died Tuesday at his Garrett home.

He was a coal miner for 17 years and then worked as a crane operator for Auburn Foundry for 17 years, retiring in 1980. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 22, 1919 in Floyd County, Ky., to the late Lewis and Essie (Green) Tussey.

His first wife, Naomi Sexton, died in July 1984. He married Lillian Beckwith in 1989 in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ivan of Kendallville, Bill of Hueysville, Ky., and David of Garrett; one stepson, Donald Reed of

Kewanna; nine stepdaughters, Linda Hamman of Waterloo, Marie Logenbaugh of Pendleton, Mary Miller of Auburn, Jenifer Putt of Portage, Mich., Dianna Hudson of Borne, Texas, Martha Beard of St. Joe, Ruth Butler of Bucyrus, Ohio, Donna Oswald of Bristol, and Elaine of California; one brother, Harry of Ashland, Ky.; one sister, Cleta Leadingham of Ashland; nine grandchildren, 33 stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Belmon Sexton officiating.



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Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

George Guinn

AUBURN — George J. Guinn, 76, died Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla.

He was a life resident of Auburn and lived in Florida in the winter. He retired from Dana Corp. at Auburn in 1978 as an assembler of clutches with 31 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Guinn was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, American Legion Post 97, and Moose Lodge 566, all in Auburn.

He was born May 27, 1919, in Auburn to the late Charles and Eva (Mitchell) Guinn.

He married Vivienne Ziegler on Dec. 1, 1940, in Spencerville and she died July 27, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Conde of Fort Wayne and Rodney of Port Charlotte; one brother, Roy of Auburn; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Elmer and Charles, and two half-sisters, Thelma Monroe and Pauline McDonald, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with Father Ray Balzer officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association or Masses at the church.

Lucille Trushel

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille I. Trushel, 63, of Kendallville died at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Sturgis Hospital, Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Dec. 1, 1932, in Willard, Ohio, to George and Wynona (Strickfaden) Judson. Her mother survives.

She married Raymond Trushel, and he preceded her in death in October 1988.

Mrs. Trushel was a production worker for Colwell Merchandising. She was past madam president of both Eagles Auxiliary 550 and VFW Post 3430 Auxiliary and Buckingham-Dermer American Legion Post 514, all in Willard.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Warren of Willard, and Rae Ann Allen of Fort Wayne; five sons, Joseph A. Trushel, Michael Trushel and Steven Trushel, all of Howe, Douglas Trushel of LaGrange, and Scott Trushel of Kendallville; three sisters, Georgetta Russell of Angola, Dorothy Brown of Garrett, and Helen Shepherd of Willard; a brother, Kenneth Judson of Garrett; five grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James; and a daughter, Margaret.

Memorial services are pending for Saturday in Secor Funeral Home in Willard. Graveside services are pending for Sunday in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard.

Visitation is from 4-6 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — William H. Seale died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday and two hours before services on Saturday.

CHURUBUSCO — Bert Lohrei, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Fri-

Mary Till

HAMILTON — Mary M. Till, 94, died Wednesday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Till formerly lived in Auburn. She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, a 60-year member of the Rebekah Lodge and a 20-year member of Pythian Sisters.

She was born Nov. 7, 1901, in Steuben County to the late Henry and Ursulla (Kepler) Miller.

She married Eugene Till on Aug. 19, 1918, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died in 1958.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathryn (Mrs. Edward) Williamson of Angola, Jeanette (Mrs. Kenneth) Nelson of Homer, Mich., and Betty Moore of Hamilton; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert E.; one daughter, Helen L. Cox; one brother and one sister.

Graveside services and burial will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Cemetery, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. There will be no calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth McCombs

HUDSON — Kenneth D. McCombs, 88, died at 10:20 a.m. Thursday in Arbor Care Center, Camp Verde, Ariz.

He was born Oct. 4, 1907, in Huntington County to Fred and Margaret (Schwartz) McCombs. His first wife, Florence, preceded him in death in 1968. He is survived by his second wife, the Rev. Mazie McCombs.

Mr. McCombs moved from Hudson to Arizona 15 years ago. He was a retired machinist and minister with the Church of God. He was active in Special Seniors of the Church of God.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Marilyn Reilly of Fort Wayne; two sons, Gerald McCombs and Larry McCombs, both of California; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held Tuesday in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

H. Joan Osbun

AUBURN — H. Joan Osbun, 67, of Auburn, died at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in her residence. She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Auburn.

She was born March 24, 1928, in Fort Wayne, to John E. and Mildred M. (Kenton) Grobis, who are deceased.

On Dec. 30, 1945, she married Lester C. Osbun in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Wayne A. of Kendallville, Ronald J., Jack L. and Gary A., all of Auburn, Gerald L. of Hudson, and Max E. of Sunnyvale, Calif.; two daughters, Connie K. Alberson of Butler and Cathy A. Workman, of Southgate, Mich.; one brother, Charles L. Grobis, of Butler; 14

grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Two brothers, John T. and Kenneth E., and one sister, Delores N., preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Father Ray Balzer of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or to the church for masses.

Corrine Andrews

GARRETT — Corinne C. Andrews, 67, of Garrett, died Thursday at 5:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Andrews lived in Garrett and was a homemaker. She was known by friends and family members for her helpful nature.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Garrett Order of the Eastern Star Harmony Chapter 67.

She was born April 7, 1928, in Hamilton, Ohio, to William A. and Mildred M. (Kain) Kohler, who are deceased.

On March 8, 1952, she married Carl A. Andrews in Hamilton, Ohio, and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters, Carla G. Rutin of Belchertown, Mass., Carol L. Heingartner of Auburn, and Renee V. Andrews of Garrett; one son, Mark A. Andrews of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Marilyn McCann of Frazeyburg, Ohio, and Marjorie A. Fornshell of Camden, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

A brother, William A., preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 7 p.m. in the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. William

Haworth of Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating.

Friends may call Saturday from 10 to noon or from 5 p.m. until the service. A Garrett Order of the Eastern Star service will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star or the church.

Helen Witt

AUBURN — Helen E. Witt, 91, died Thursday at 12:55 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had lived since 1989.

She formerly lived on Eighth Street in Auburn. and was a lifetime DeKalb County resident. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose in Auburn.

Mrs. Witt was born Nov. 8, 1904, in DeKalb County to the late John W. and Leticia (Topper) Palmerton. Her husband, Russell Witt, died Dec. 11, 1977.

Surviving are four granddaughters, two grandsons, one nephew and three nieces.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert E. Koons; one daughter, Shirley Blanchard; one sister, one brother and one grandson.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2:30 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. The Rev. Sid Short will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the donor's favorite charity.

Walter Kopplin

AUBURN — Walter R. Kopplin, 63, died Thursday at 9:51 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a former employee of Foley Pattern Co., Auburn, and



resided on West Ninth Street in Auburn. He served in the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, DeKalb Post 97 of the American Legion in Auburn, and Auburn Moose Lodge 566.

He was born Oct. 20, 1932, in Ripon, Wis., to the late Emil and Ethel (Crook) Kopplin.

He married Rosie Eicher on May 13, 1977, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are three brothers, Emil and Leo, both of Watertown, Wis., and Bill of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Willard, August, and Hilbert, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn American Legion Building Fund.

(The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.)

Mildred Briggs

LAOTTO — Mildred Briggs, 81, died Tuesday in Zephyrhills, Fla.

She was born in LaOtto July 7, 1914, to Floyd and Grace (Williams) Bradley. In 1934, she married Lewis Briggs. He survives.

Mrs. Briggs had lived in the LaOtto and Swan Township area all of her life, spending recent winters in Florida. She was a retired employee of General Electric and a lifetime member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Mrs. Richard (Clara) Whan of Avilla, Janice Fike of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Richard (Donna) Mitchell of Rochester, and Grace Knafel of Greenwood; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Walter (Lucille) Lung of Gar-

rett; and three brothers, Vern Bradley of Fort Wayne, Gerald Bradley and Luman Bradley, both of Arizona.

Memorial services were held in Zephyrhills Thursday.

Visitation is from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, in LaOtto Wesleyan Church followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Margaret Koepka

GARRETT — Margaret A. Koepka, 78, died today at 2:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a Garrett homemaker, and a member of Albion Eagles Lodge auxiliary, Auburn Moose Lodge auxiliary, Garrett Elks Lodge auxiliary, and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett.

She was born April 26, 1917, in Ashtabula, Ohio, to the late Carmen A. and Josephine (Fernetche) Felice.

She married Ralph A. Koepka on Nov. 9, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving is one sister, Mena Hanifon of Ashtabula.

Two sisters, Jenny and Gladys, and one brother, Jimmy Felice, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Raymond E. Metzger**, 87, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Robert W. Bale**, 78, died Thursday. Services at 7 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 5-7 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond Lee Davis**, 63, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in True Love Baptist Church with calling 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Micheaux Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Hortense A. Miller**, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Nelda L. Mundt**, 74, died Wednesday. Services at 8 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Frances V. Schwieters**, 90, died Monday. Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1120 S. Calhoun St. Prayer service at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour before prayer services on Saturday in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Barton R. Turley**, 77, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Verna P. Weir**, 96, died Thursday. Services at 9 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Gerald F. Widner**, 74, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 1-2 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert W. Curless**, 83, died Dec. 18, 1995. Memorial services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Fairmount Friends Church, Fairmount. No calling.

NEW HAVEN — **N. Terry Smith**, 62, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there one hour before services.



Deaths/Funerals

Dale Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Dale F. Smith, 84, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Garrett April 23, 1911, to Leonard and Minnie (Lasch) Smith. On June 3, 1933, in LaGrange, he married Mildred Miller, who preceded him in death April 15, 1994.

Mr. Smith had been employed as a welder for McCray Refrigeration for 33 years. He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ, Kendallville Masonic Lodge No. 276 F.&A.M. and the Second Time Around Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Nedra Witte of Wolcottville, Phyllis Maxwell of Fort Wayne and Carol Pfeiffer of Kendallville; a son, Dayton Smith of Chula Vista, Calif.; a sister, Leah Larkin of Kendallville; a brother, Paul Smith of Hudson; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Smith, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the South Milford Church of Christ with

Michael Booher officiating.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville, and one hour before services Sunday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary B. Glass**, 87, of Kendallville, died Friday in Avilla. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Frances Lee**, 70, of rural Churubusco, died Friday. Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — **Leola D. Myers**, 90, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Towne House in Fort Wayne. Services Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons.

Deaths/Funerals

Keven Deininger

SPENCERVILLE — Keven E. Deininger, 36, died Jan. 2 in Riverdale, Ga.

He was a draftsman at Stein Steel in Atlanta, Ga. He attended New Haven High School and graduated from Northrop High School, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the U.S. Parachute Association and Skydive Goshen Inc., where he logged more than 800 jumps.

Surviving are his parents, Edward R. and Edith M. Deininger of St. Joe; one brother, Robert of Woodstock, Ga.; three sisters, Becky Zink of St. Joe, Donna Zink of Auburn, and Deberah Whitsell of Hartford City; and eight nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Franke Park Children's Zoo, 3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46808.

Mary Morrow

BUTLER — Mary E. Morrow, 78, died Friday at 10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Morrow was a retired employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler. She was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church, Butler Eagles Lodge, Butler American Legion Auxiliary and the Pythian Sisters of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 14, 1917, in Spencerville to the late Harrison and Nora (Cook) Norrick.

She married Arthur Morrow on June 3, 1939, in Auburn, and he died Aug. 3, 1983.

Surviving are a foster daughter, LouAnn Imbody of Ashley; one brother, Frank Norrick of Butler; and three sisters, Pauline Burkmire and Ina Kitchen, both of Auburn, and Hulda Libey of Stroh.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A Pythian Sisters memorial service will be conducted tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeremy Russell officiating. Burial will be in the Big Run Cemetery, Butler.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Irene DeLong

CHURUBUSCO — Irene (Fischer) DeLong, 56, of Churubusco, died at 9:50 p.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 26, 1939, in DeKalb County to William and Victoria (Case) Fischer. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Avilla. On July 30, 1966, in Avilla, she married Harold "Amos" DeLong. He also survives.

Mrs. DeLong had formerly lived in Avilla before moving to Churubusco 24 years ago. She was retired from Three Rivers Credit Union and was employed part-time at W.C. Grant.

Surviving with her husband and mother are six sisters, Deloris Lamb of Carmel, Alice Huth of Fort Wayne, Barbara Hippenhammer and Roberta Montel, both of Avilla, Ruth Ihrie of Kendallville, and Nancy Lamb of Auburn; and four brothers, Donald Fischer and Stephen Fischer, both of Fort Wayne, Thomas Fischer of Wawaka, and Charles Fischer of Leo-Cedarville.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the rosary recited there at 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Mable Sholl

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mable M. Sholl, 84, died today at 12:10 a.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

A Hicksville resident, Mrs. Sholl was the coordinator of G.A.L.A. in Defiance, Paulding, Williams and Fulton counties in Ohio. She was a 1929 graduate of Hicksville High School.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville, a past member of the Mark Township Grange, and a past president of the Mark Township Education Club.

She was born Sept. 11, 1911, in Hicksville to the late J.P. and Florence (Babbage) Rowan.

She married Walter R. Sholl on Feb. 14,

1932, in Hicksville, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Patricia Bohn of Defiance, Ohio, and Sylvia "Mike" Miller of Mark Center, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons and two brothers.

Friends may call Tuesday after 2 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. Vicar Beth Bachman will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Contributions to the St. John Lutheran Church Memorial Fund are preferred as memorials.

H. Max Horsewood

AUBURN — H. Max Horsewood, 71, of Auburn and formerly of rural Noble County, died at 12:40 a.m. Saturday in the Rehabilitation Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a stroke on Dec. 1, 1995, and had been in declining health since that time.

He was born in Green Township in Noble County Oct. 12, 1924, to David and Mildred (Forker) Horsewood. His mother survives in Albion. On Sept. 2, 1942, in Auburn, he married Lois L. Lietch.

Mr. Horsewood graduated from Albion High School in 1942 and spent much of his life in Green Township until moving to Auburn in 1963. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and a member of First Christian Church in Auburn. He was employed in data processing at Dana Corp. in both Fort Wayne and Auburn, retiring from the Auburn plant in 1987 after 38 years of service.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Dailey (Sandra) Bixler of rural Albion; a son, Dr. Rex Horsewood of Hoagland; three brothers, Wayne A. Horsewood of Wolcottville, Don A. Horsewood of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Jerry L. Horsewood of Bowie, Md.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Alice L. Hupp and

the Rev. Richard Moore officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to First Christian Church in Auburn.

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Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Twila Jeanne Cox, 52, died Saturday at home. Services were today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

KENDALLVILLE — Vonda L. Pallett, 54, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — Ada Sutton, 77, died Saturday. Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Myrl Boggs, 82, died Thursday. Services were today in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — Steven Paul Martin, 46, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Glen Beatty

ANGOLA — Glen S. Beatty, 87, died at 4:15 a.m. Saturday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Beatty served as mayor of Angola from 1948-1960. He was the owner of Beatty's Bakery, Angola, and served on board of directors at the First National Bank of Angola, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and the Herald-Republican. He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, Rotary, Jolly Boys, Masonic Lodge of Angola, Angola York Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple.

He was born Aug. 3, 1908, in Angola to Clinton and Lura (Daumn) Beatty.

He is survived by two daughters, Diana Roe of Angola; and Pam Wolverton of Greer, S.C.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary, in 1967; his second wife, Helen, in 1987; and one grandson, Stephen Roe, in 1964.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

A memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church Restoration Fund.

Mildred Smith

HAMILTON — Mildred VanAuken Smith, 83, died at 1:15 p.m. Friday in the home where she was born and lived for 83 years in Hamilton.

She was a 1932 graduate of Hamilton High School, and was a homemaker. She was a member of Metz Church of Christ and the Chatter Club.

She was born Jan. 12, 1913, in Hamilton to Eugene and Dora (George) VanAuken.

On May 18, 1933, she married R.T. Smith. He survives her.

She also is survived by one son, LaMar Smith of Angola; one daughter, Phyllis Ann Rowe; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph VanAuken.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday with C. Willard McKinley officiating. Burial was in South Scott Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice and Home Care.

Annabelle Gee

AUBURN — Annabelle M. Gee, 67, died Monday at 12:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gee was an Auburn homemaker. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, Auburn Women of the Moose, and the Auburn Elks Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 4, 1928, in DeKalb County to the late Frank and Catherine (Dapp) Hohl.

She married Frederick Gee on July 1, 1948, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mike E. Gee and Robert F. Long, both of Auburn; one daughter, Catherine M. Cook of Butler; two brothers, Francis Hohl of Lansing, Ill., and Herman Hohl of Golden Lake; one sister, Rosemary Bender of Waterloo; and eight grandchildren.

One sister, Catherine Hohl, preceded her in death.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 and Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Father John Gillig will officiate. Burial will be in

Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses for the church.

Maryellen Bailey

FORT WAYNE — Maryellen Bailey, 77, died Sunday at 9 p.m. in her Fort Wayne home. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Dupont Road Bible Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 25, 1918, in Auburn to the late William and Mable (Williams) Refner.

She married Clayton M. Bailey on Dec. 10, 1955, in Angola, and he died May 10, 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Tim Miller of Fort Wayne and Philip "Cork" Miller of Huntertown; two daughters, Sherri Rollins of Holiday Lakes, Garrett, and Barbara Campbell of Rome City; one brother, Stan Refner of South Bend; two sisters, Vivian Gerst and Doris DePew, both of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Willard Refner, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Dupont Road Bible Church, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. The Rev. Frank Baldwin will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Gary Anderson

LAOTTO — Gary E. Anderson, 55, of LaOtto, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday in his residence.

He was born Oct. 13, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Gordon and Edna (Figel) Anderson. On Feb. 28, 1959, in Fort Wayne, he married Patricia A. Winesburg. She survives

Mr. Anderson, a resident of the

LaOtto community for 25 years, came from Fort Wayne. He was employed by Norfolk & Western Railroad.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Bart E. Anderson of Churubusco, Craig E. Anderson of Fort Wayne, Kurt E. Anderson of LaOtto, and Doug E. Anderson of Avilla; a granddaughter, Anna Marie Anderson of Garrett; and five grandsons, Travis Anderson of Garrett, and Gordon Anderson and Jacob Anderson, both of LaOtto, Cole Anderson of Churubusco, and Scotty Strater of Avilla.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Michael David officiating.

There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — Gary E. Anderson, 55, died Monday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. No calling.

TOPEKA — Olive C. Tustison, 97, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Topeka United Methodist Church with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Franklin Eugene Zumbrun, 86, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Genevieve Horney

ANGOLA — Genevieve Horney, 94, died Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was a cook and housekeeper at several Catholic rectories, including St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, and rectories in Waupun, Wis., and Clarksburg, Ind. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1901, in Czechoslovakia to George and Christine (Brecka) Knotek. In 1922, she married John Horney. He preceded her in death in 1951.

She is survived by one son, Charles Horney of Angola; one sister, Frances Knotek of Angola; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Scripture service will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

A funeral mass will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. Father Conrad Schweibold will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial gifts may be made to Masses at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Howard Weber

HUDSON — Howard Jay Weber, 76, of Hudson, died unexpectedly Sunday at 10:30 p.m. in Eautaw, Ala. while on a trip.

He was born in Ohio on July 28, 1919, to Melvin and Mytle (Hower) Weber. His first wife, Wilma Housholder, preceded him in death in 1990. On July 28, 1993, he married Maxine Rowe in Hudson. She survives.

Mr. Weber had moved from Wyatt to Hudson 3 1/2 years ago.

He retired in 1985 from A.M. General in South Bend, and was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Pretty Lake and the Moose Lodge in Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are five daughters, Delores Weber of Nappanee, Marcia LaRue of Independence, Mo., Charlotte Gerlitzki of Cassopolis, Mich., and Nancy Ross and Shelly Lopez, both of Elkhart; three sons, Jim Weber of Fort Wayne, Richard Weber of Ocean-side, Calif., and Tom Weber of South Bend; a sister, Berdein Young of Wolcottville; a brother, Francis "Fritz" Weber of Albion; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Martha Becker.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Wayne Rutz officiating.

Visitation is from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, and after noon Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church building fund.

Sandra L. Williams

FORT WAYNE — Sandra L. Williams, 60, died Tuesday at 2:03 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 28, 1935, in Orland, the daughter of Wendell R. Munger and Helen C. Keesler. They survive.

Also surviving are her husband, Lee A. Williams of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Pamela F. Swartz of Auburn and Stephanie L. Williams of Fort Wayne, one brother, Murray L. Munger of Fremont and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park funeral home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place at 1 p.m.

Thursday in the funeral home, with Dr. Carl Satre presiding. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parkside Pulmonary Rehabilitation Unit or the American Lung Association.

Wava Griffin

BUTLER — Wava L. Griffin, 87, of Butler, died Tuesday morning at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Griffin was a homemaker. She was born Dec. 7, 1908, in Butler to the late Leland and Arrie (Fritz) Robinson.

She married Royce E. Griffin on June 18, 1929, in Michigan and he died in April 1957.

Surviving are two sons, Elvin Lee Griffin of Millbrae, Calif., and Dallas Griffin of Butler; one daughter, Maxine Eddy of Auburn; a sister, Dena Martinson of Racine, Wis.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Nazarene Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Evening Star

Kenneth Mills

ST. JOE — Kenneth Ward Mills, 65, died Tuesday at 8:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mills was a farmer and spray painter. He worked at Fruehauf Trailer in Fort Wayne and retired from H&H Equipment in Harlan in 1993. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army.

He lived in St. Joe and was a

member of the St. Joe Church of Christ.

He was born Dec. 8, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Kenneth and Ruth (Ward) Mills. His mother survives in Fort Wayne and his father is deceased.

He married Joan Shuff on Sept. 17, 1960, in Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Mike of Columbia City; two daughters, Linda Bishop of Auburn and Tammy Hickman of Spencerville; two brothers, Wesley of Avilla and Russell of Indianapolis; one sister, Marjorie Carmean of Harlan; three grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

One son, Kenneth Ward Mills Jr., preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Mary Morrow

BUTLER — Mary E. Morrow, 78, died Friday at 10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Morrow was a retired employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler. She was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church, Butler Eagles Lodge, Butler American Legion Auxiliary and the Pythian Sisters of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 14, 1917, in Spencerville to the late Harrison and Nora (Cook) Norrick.

She married Arthur Morrow on June 3, 1939, in Auburn, and he died Aug. 3, 1983.

Surviving are a foster daughter,

LouAnn Imbody of Ashley; one brother, Frank Norrick of Butler; and three sisters, Pauline Burkmire and Ina Kitchen, both of Butler, and Hulda Libey of Stroh.

Services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Jeremy Russell officiating. Burial was in the Big Run Cemetery, Butler.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — James Robert Williams, 16, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday in a car-truck accident near LaOtto. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam. Calling 2-9 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Dale Somerlott

ANGOLA — Dale R. Somerlott, 82, died Wednesday at 10:05 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was a farmer and member of Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, Richland Township, where he served as Sunday school superintendent.

He was born Oct. 21, 1913, in Williams County, Ohio, to Ford and Hattie (Robinett) Somerlott.

On Nov. 25, 1936, he married I. Juaneta Somerlott. She preceded him in death Oct. 13, 1994.

He is survived by four sons, Ned, Dick and Dave Somerlott, all of Angola, and Al Somerlott of Columbia City; one daughter, Donna Gear of Osseo, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Andrew, in 1981.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. Devon Strine and the Rev. Greg Essex will officiate. C. Willard McKinley will sing, "In The Garden." Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Richland Township.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, or Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

Elta Mortorff

HAMILTON — Elta O. Mortorff, 90, died Wednesday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She formerly lived on West Railroad Street in Hamilton. She attended Hamilton United Methodist Church and was a member of Hamilton Rebekah Lodge 315, I.O.O.F. District 28, Hamilton Grange, and Cricket Club. She was a member of Pythian Sisters Temple 51, Hamilton for over 50 years.

She was born Dec. 5, 1905, in

DeKalb County to the late Elmer O. and Prudence M. (Kline) Betz. Her husband, Harry F. Mortorff, died in July 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Lyle J. and Lynn E., both of Hamilton; one daughter, Leora (Mrs. Donald) Johnson of Hamilton; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one stepgrandson, four step-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

A half-brother, Otis Betz, and a half-sister, Agnes Allomong, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel. The Pythian Sisters will conduct a service Friday in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Allan Benson

KENDALLVILLE — Allan B. Benson, 72, died Tuesday at 8:10 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked as a quality control manager for Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn for 26 years, retiring in 1986. He was a Kendallville resident and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born July 26, 1923, in Saginaw, Mich., to the late Francis and Edna (Bush) Benson.

He married Virginia M. Piper on Aug. 22, 1953, in Jackson, Mich. She died Dec. 11, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Laura Wickliffe of Kendallville and Denise VanOrt of Fort Wayne; one brother, Raymon Benson of Topinee, Mich.; one sister, Elizabeth Cooke of Jackson, Mich.; and three grandchildren, David Mansfield and

Matthew Hart, both of Kendallville, and Shana VanOrt of Baltimore, Md.

He was preceded in death by a son, David; a daughter, Julie; and a brother, Kenneth.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Father John Vrabely will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Support Group of Fort Wayne.

Wilbur Dohner

BUTLER — Wilbur G. Dohner, 70, died Tuesday evening in his rural Butler home.

He was a farmer and had been a school bus driver for the Hamilton school district for 25 years. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church, rural Butler.

Mr. Dohner was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Troy Township, to George and Edith (Worthington) Dohner, who are deceased.

On Dec. 21, 1948, he married Lila Moughler in the Big Run Church, rural Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sheila Ingledue of Pleasant Lake and Tammie Freed of Waterloo; a brother, Howard Dohner of Butler; two sisters, Wilma Hornbeck of Edgerton, Ohio, and Betty Yates of Butler; and six grandchildren, Mindy, Stacey and Lon Ingledue of Pleasant Lake and Mandy, Tori and Brodie Freed of Waterloo.

One sister, Irene Dohner, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steven Horner officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 2:30-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the H. E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler, or one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery,

rural Hamilton. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or the Hamilton Athletic Department.

Thurs, January 25, 1996
Evening Star

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Regina Marie Wappes**, 87, died Wednesday at home. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

SYRACUSE — **Bruce Alan Harter Jr.** was stillborn Tuesday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Syracuse Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Katherine Korb

OCALA, Fla. — Katherine A. Korb, 78, died Wednesday at 2:05 a.m. in Marion House Healthcare Center, Ocala.

She moved to Florida six years ago and was a former Auburn resident. She owned and operated Kay's Sandwich Shop in Auburn in the 1950s and retired from the staff of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in 1987.

She was born Dec. 15, 1917, in Manlius, N.Y., to Frank and Ethel (Hughes) Metosh, who are deceased. Her husband, Dayton Korb, preceded her in death in 1973.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Burgess (Katherine) Walter of Ocala; a brother, Hugh Metosh of Syracuse, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Beth Lewis and Richard Walter, both of Ocala, and Brenda Arnold of Citrus Springs, Fla.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Clinton Moser officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International.

Robert Castator

WATERLOO — Robert W. Castator, 68, died today at 12:18 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Castator worked in the maintenance department for the DeKalb Central United School District for 18 years, and was supervisor for two years before his retirement in 1992. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Transportation Corps and was discharged in 1946. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born March 30, 1927, in Kendallville to the late Walter Jackson and Ethel Mae (Wogoman) Castator.

He married Carroll L. Wade on July 12, 1947, in Pleasant Lake, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Wade of Waterloo and Raymond of Ashley; four daughters, Sheila Campbell of Corunna, Roberta Voss of Fort Wayne, Valerie Wilson of Ashley, and Anne Treesh of Garrett; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One sister, Frances Aldrich, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Monday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. There will be calling at the church after 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Waterloo VFW.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Emily Christner**, 89, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday.

TOPEKA — **Paul Deter**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there two hours before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary K. Kurczewski**, 80, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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The Evening Star, Sat., Jan. 27, 1996,

Deaths/Funerals

Raymon J. Walter

SANFORD, Fla. — Raymon J. Walter, 80, died Thursday in Sanford, Fla.

Mr. Walter, who was born in Fort Wayne, was a former co-owner of the South Anthony Speedway.

He also co-owned Orpheum Cleaners from 1946-1960 and retired from National Paving Service in 1973 after 13 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; a son, Frank of Pleasant Lake; and two sisters, Betty Probst of Fort Wayne and Margaret Brinkman of Helmer.

There will be no calling or funeral service.

Burial will be in Gurney County Memorial Gardens, Cambridge, Ohio.

Patricia A. Wilkinson

LAGRANGE — Patricia A. Wilkinson, 62, of LaGrange, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born May 28, 1933, in Buchanan, Mich., to Ernest and Maratha (Keaffaber) Young. On Nov. 14, 1954, in Elkhart, she married Donald Wilkinson. He survives.

The former employee of Miles Laboratory in Elkhart was a homemaker in her later years.

She was a member of the Home Extension Club in Johnson Town-

ship.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Lisa Wilkinson of Augusta, Mich.; three sons, Gregory Wilkinson of LaGrange, Jeffrey Wilkinson of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Brian Wilkinson of Mottville, Mich.; her mother, Maratha Young of LaGrange; two sisters, Ruth Wertman of Garrett and Sandra Bigelow of Santa Clarita, Calif. 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter;

She was preceded in death by one son, Rodney Eugene Wilkinson, and one sister, Dorothy Gibbs.

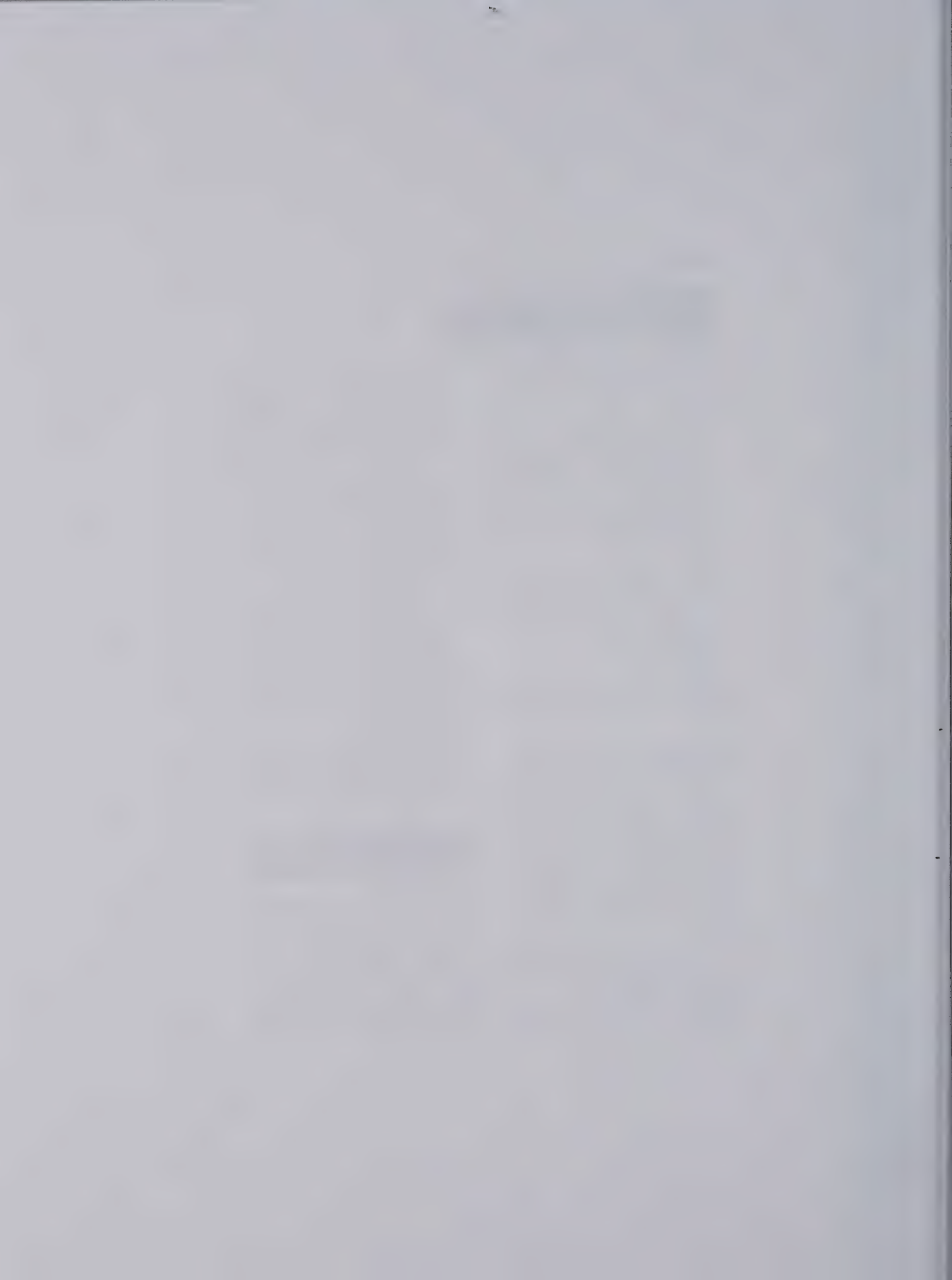
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **James F. Smith**, 75, a former resident of the Hometown area, and more recently of Royal, Ark., died Wednesday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. Services at 5 p.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling from 3-5 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.



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Deaths/Funerals

Betty Riser

BUTLER — Betty M. Riser, 77, died Sunday at 4:25 a.m. in Forest Haven Nursing Home at Maryland Heights, Mo.

She was a retired seamstress from the Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler. She was a former Butler resident and a member of Faith Fellowship Church, Butler.

Mrs. Riser was born Sept. 4, 1918, in Bad Axe, Mich., to the late Delmar and Aletha (Wells) Gillean.

She married Melvin Riser on Dec. 28, 1939, in Butler and he died Sept. 15, 1981.

Surviving are one son, Douglas of Florissant, Mo.; one daughter, Jacqueline Goller of Butler; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Alzheimer's disease research.

Earl Carper

WATERLOO — Earl F. Carper, 41, died Friday at 11:40 p.m. in a one-car accident in northern DeKalb County.

He was a welder at Steuben County Welding & Fabrication Corp., Fremont, for 12 years. He lived on Marion Street in Waterloo and was a member of Smith's Dart Team.

Mr. Carper was born Dec. 25, 1954, in Auburn to John F. and Vada (Strong) Carper. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two brothers, Lynn of Auburn and Rex of Butler; two sisters, Kay Holwager of Auburn and Beth Vogelpohl of Garrett; 11 nieces and nephews, and

three great-nieces and great-nephews.

One son, Scott F. Carper, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stevan Hafflich of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may given to the family in care of John F. Carper, 715 S. Center St., Waterloo IN 46793.

Cheryl Windle

WATERLOO — Cheryl L. Windle, 33, died Friday at 10 p.m. in her home on West Railroad Street, Waterloo.

She was employed for seven years at Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler.

She was born June 17, 1962, in Calhoun County, Mich., to James and Laura (Chamberlain) Windle. They survive in Concord, Mich.

Also surviving is one brother, Darrell, of Plaski, Mich.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord, Mich.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of James Windle, 425 Hanover St., Concord, MI 49237.

Charles McClement

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla. — Charles James McClement, 68, of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., died unexpectedly Friday at 3 p.m. from a heart attack.

He was born July 29, 1927. He was a retired engineer for B&O Railroad in Garrett with 40 years of service. He was a member of Elks

Lodge and Eagles Lodge in Garrett, American Legion Post 381, Rome City, and Moose Lodge of Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife, Irene; three daughters, Sandy Fisher of Kendallville, Kim Leiter of Avilla, and Laura Tarkan of New Paris; a son, Charles McClement of Rome City; a brother, Robert McClement of Honolulu, Hawaii; and 13 grandchildren.

A brother, George, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Tuesday in Fort Myers, Fla.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Ina Bell Pippenger, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — Jeanne Lopp, 61, died Friday. Services were today in Kendallville.

LIGONIER — Edith M. Bowers, 89, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — The Rev. Paul Crider, 74, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — W. Carl Hamilton, 88, died Saturday. Services at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 1-3 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Audrey L. Johnson, 76, died Saturday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — Harry L. "Bud" Nape, 70, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.



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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Lehman

ANGOLA — Robert William Lehman, 73, died Sunday at 10:02 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he graduated from Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne. He retired in 1973 after 24 years as a police officer for the city of Fort Wayne.

He moved to Angola in 1979 and was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Orland American Legion Post 423 and Fraternal Order of Police Fort Wayne Lodge 14.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 25, 1922, to Kenneth and Laura (Malcuit) Lehman.

On Jan. 24, 1987, he married Ruth (Norton) Lehman. She survives him.

He also is survived by four sons, Robert Lehman of Roanoke, Va., Richard Lehman of Fremont, William Lehman of Fort Wayne, and Kenneth Lehman of Jacksonville, Fla.; two stepsons, Ted Campbell of Nelsonville, Ohio, and Curtis Smith of Lovington, Ill.; three daughters, Cheryl Brock of Fort Wayne, and Lois Noble and Janis Lehman, both of New Haven; five stepdaughters, Bridget Schettini of Easton, Md., Chris Enderle of Milan, Ohio, Lisa Barefoot of Southgate, Mich., Cindy Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Tina Thimlar of Fremont; one brother, Paul Lehman of Dundee, Fla.; one sister, Madonna Kilgus of Paulding, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and 19 stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary (Shaw) Lehman, in 1983; and one stepson, Robert Keirns, in 1996.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

A funeral mass will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be made to Masses.

John Kennedy

LAGRANGE — John E. Kennedy, 77, longtime LaGrange businessman, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday in his residence.

He was born in Waterloo on May 19, 1918, to Valentine E. and Candus (Lease) Kennedy. On April 29, 1939, in Waterloo, he married Dorris Ford, who survives.

Mr. Kennedy began in business in 1939 in LaGrange with White Rose Gasoline. That company merged into a Shell Oil Co. distributorship which he sold in 1966. In 1971 he began a Union 76 distributorship and then in 1986, sold that business to the Mid-States Petroleum Co. under the name of Kennedy Oil Co. He owned Kennedy Oil with his son, Thomas Kennedy.

A lifetime resident of the Stroh and LaGrange communities, Mr. Kennedy was a former member of LaGrange Lions Club, LaGrange Exchange Club and LaGrange Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are his son, Thomas E. Kennedy of LaGrange; and two grandchildren, Amy Archbold and Jeffrey T. Kennedy, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd, Maurice and Alfred Kennedy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Melvin Coil officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Senior Citizens van fund.

Ferm Kepler

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Ferm L. Kepler, 91, died Sunday at 12:07 a.m. in the Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, following an extended illness.

Mr. Kepler was a retired machinist with Hause Machines Inc. of Montpelier. He was previously employed with Wright's Bakery in Montpelier, and had been a self-employed appliance and auto repairman. He had lived in Montpelier since 1924.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Montpelier, and the Williams County Coon Hunters Club.

He was a former member of the Montpelier Village Council. He had filled a vacancy from 1967 through

1971, then was elected to the seat through 1975. He served as council president for one year.

Mr. Kepler was born June 24, 1904, near Butler to the late Martha (McClintock) and Vernon Lee Kepler.

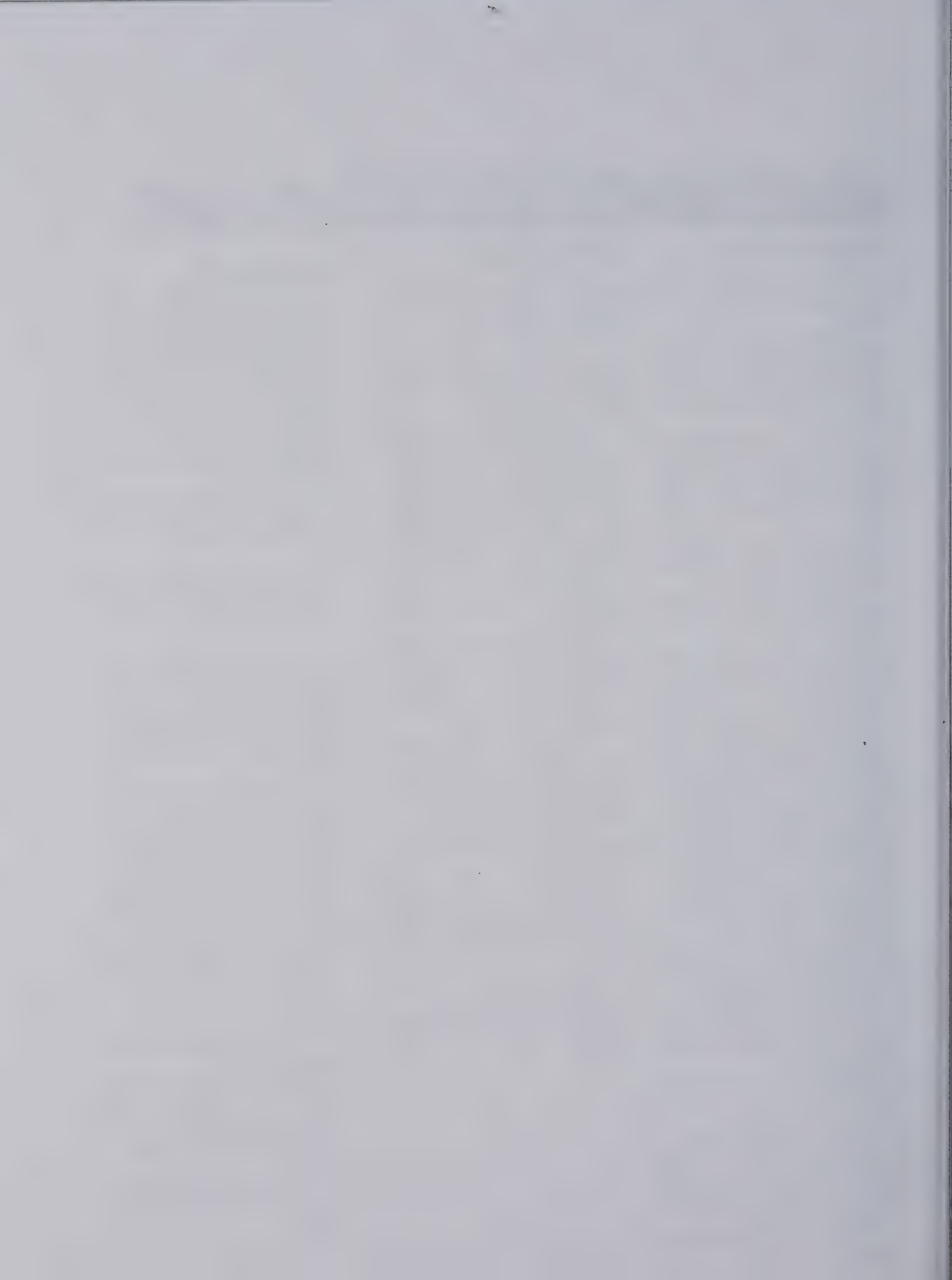
Surviving are one daughter, Phyllis (Mrs. Lyle) Robison of Montpelier; one brother, Roscoe of Pioneer, Ohio; five grandchildren, Diane Rezabek of Waterville, Ohio, Jeffrey Robison of Bryan, Ohio, Cathy Rohr of Massillon, Ohio, Rex Robison of Defiance, Ohio and Steven Robison of West Unity, Ohio; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude C., on Sept. 4, 1978; and two brothers, Arthur and Chester.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Damschroder officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church.



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Area Deaths

LAOTTO — Paul A. Perry, 54, died Sunday. Services were today in New Lebanon.

FORT WAYNE — Alice M. Becker, 86, died Saturday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Harold "Heddy" Branning, 72, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — Alice V. Farley, 80, died Saturday. Services were today in Ocala, Fla.

FORT WAYNE — Dr. R.B. Wilson, 84, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Turner AME Chapel, 836 E. Jefferson Blvd., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — Virginia Brookbank Loveland, 86, died Saturday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — Chester L. Voirol, 89, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — Leon Franklin Carmin, 77, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today with a memorial service at 8 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — Chester Egly, 73, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert

E. Lee, 66, died Sunday in West Virginia. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Patricia Ann Mohler, 48, died Monday at home. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Harry L. "Bud" Nape, 70, died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

GRABILL — Kathryn L. Applegate, 81, died Sunday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — Edward A. Cowles, 70, died Monday at home. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Ella High

HUDSON — Ella Gay High, 87, died Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital at Kendallville.

She was a retired house cleaner in the Kendallville area. She was a former Hudson resident and a member of the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Mrs. High was born April 21, 1908, in LaGrange County to the late Willis and Gladys (Pierce) Sams.

She married Paul Leroy High on Jan. 27, 1928, and he died Dec. 19, 1974.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Leroy High of Corunna, Stanley Wayne High of Fort Wayne, and Max Laverne High of Auburn; one daughter, Rhea Marie Long of Nottawa, Mich.; one brother, Charles Wesley Sams of Constantine, Mich.; 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. High was preceded in death by one son, Dale High; three brothers, Donald, Dennis, and Russell Sams; one sister, Bertha Marie Shears; and one great-grandchild, Wade Slone.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Thomas Burtch Jr.

GARRETT — Thomas Burtch Jr., 90, died at 10:01 a.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was born Dec. 21, 1905, to Thomas and Annie (Conway) Burtch.

Mr. Burtch, a lifetime resident of the Garrett and Auburn area, retired after 28 years with International Harvester.

Several nieces and nephews survive.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating.

There will be no visitation. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

John Finley

AUBURN — John H. Finley Jr., 83, died Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a former employee of Citizens Lumber Co. of Auburn, Kendall Lumber Co. of Kendallville, and J Box Co. of Auburn. He lived on South Baxter Street in Auburn.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Tri-County Skirts & Shirts Square Dance Club, both of Auburn, and a 50-year member of the Knox Masonic Lodge in Knox, Ind. He was a member of the Knox Scottish Rite for over 50 years. He served on the Auburn Fire Department for several years in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Mr. Finley was born Sept. 23, 1912, in Michigan City to the late John Hicks Finley Sr. and Flossie Ann (Thornberg) Finley.

His first wife, Evelyn Gustafson Finley, died in 1974. He married Virginia Bry Martin on Feb. 15, 1975, in Auburn and she survives.

Surviving are one daughter, Phyllis Blough of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Sharron Tague of Warsaw; two stepsons, Richard J. Martin of Auburn and Robert E. Martin of Indianapolis; one brother, Benjamin H. of Walkerton; four sisters, Georgia Huff of Arkansas, Audrey Reed of South Bend, Nellie Martin of Plymouth, and Betty Miller of Vandallia, Mich.; three grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The DeKalb Masonic Lodge of Auburn will conduct a service Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Wilbur Yates and the Rev. Karen Koelsch will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be

given to the First United Methodist Church, Masonic Retirement Home, or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Julius L. Banks**, 45, died Friday. Memorial services were today in Los Angeles. Local memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Turner Chapel AME Church.

FORT WAYNE — **Rosie L. Belcher**, 66, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Grace Temple Church of God in Christ, 2241 Smith St., with calling 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Jaquan Jabbar Capers**, 3, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Old Landmark Church of God in Christ, with calling there 30 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Clara M. Edgar**, 94, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there one hour before services.

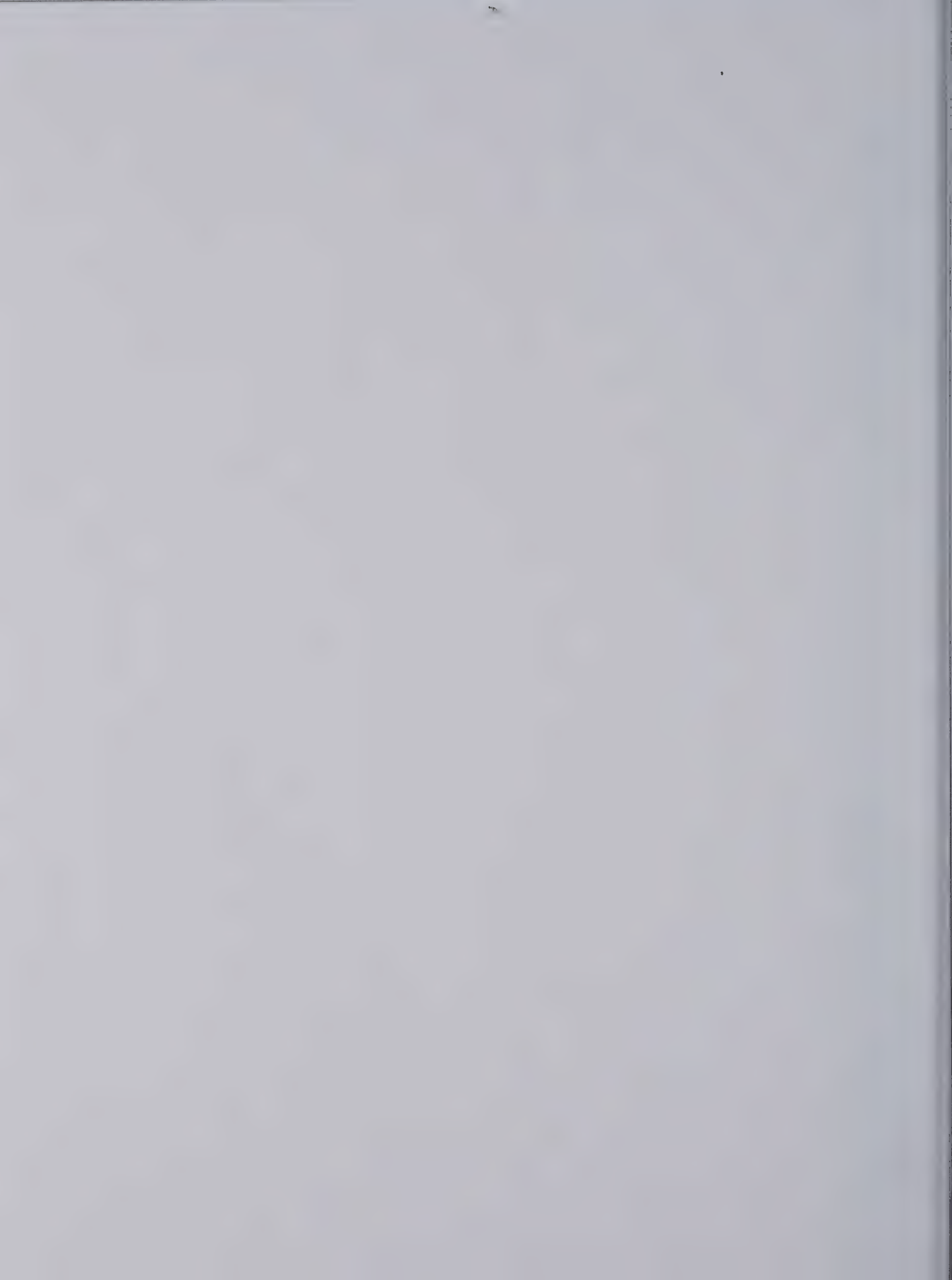
FORT WAYNE — **Marguerite Miller Greene**, 74, died Friday in Nassau, Bahamas. Memorial services in Englwood, Fla., on Friday and local memorial services in April.

FORT WAYNE — **David "Butch" Hagerman**, 52, died Tuesday at home. Services at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling from 2-9 p.m. today and one hour before services Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Irma Z. Ferber**, 78, died Monday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dennis E. Williamson**, 38, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — **Wanda I. Davis** died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.



Deaths/Funerals

Eleanor Johnson

ANGOLA — Eleanor R. Johnson, 87, died Wednesday at 6:55 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Leichty Jewelry and Ritter and Ferry Dress Shop.

She was born March 2, 1908, in Morrill, Neb., to C.F. and Rose (Martin) Andrew. She married Carl Edwin Johnson. He preceded her in death in 1968.

She is survived by two sons, Bill R. Johnson of Angola and Kenneth W. Johnson of New Haven, Ky.; one daughter, Adele R. Wangler of Westchester, Ill.; one brother, Eldon Andrew of Zephyrhills, Fla.; one sister, Irene Campbell of Stuart, Fla.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one brother, Arlin "Duke" Andrew in 1950.

Friends may call Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the church. Pastor Donald E. Meyers will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Fielding Collins

FREMONT — Fielding L. "Tom" Collins, 60, died at 5:10 a.m. Wednesday at his home in Fremont.

A U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, he retired in 1994 after 25 years as a service technician for General Electric Co., Bergen County, N.J.

He was a member of Angola Moose 158, Orland American Legion, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 478 and former member of the Pompton Lakes, N.J., Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 26, 1935, in Peoria, Ill., to Fielding L. and Garnet (Markley) Collins. On Oct. 7, 1989, he married Margaret Collins. She survives him.

He also is survived by one son, Fielding L. "Chuck" Collins III of Jackson, N.J.; two daughters, Amanda Collins of Aston, Pa., and Jill Zoghby of Brookhaven, Pa.; four stepchildren, Raymond McCarthy of Lima, Ohio, Martin McCarthy of Jackson, N.J., Carole Del Plato of Brick, N.J., and Dyan Rosario of Branchburg, N.J.; one brother, Randall Collins of Milan, Ill.; two sisters, Sharon Dimmitt of Macomb, Ill., and Mamie Lashbrook of Bourbonnais, Ill.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joan R. Collins, in 1968.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. A Loyal Order of Moose service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Funeral services begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Cremation will be in Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Samantha Stetler

FREMONT — Samantha Lynn Stetler, infant daughter of Danny and Tandra (Jenkins) Stetler, was stillborn at 1 a.m. Tuesday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one brother, Michael Stetler at home; maternal grandparents, Larry and Sherry Jenkins of Fremont; paternal grandparents, Neil and Linda Stetler of Fremont; maternal great-grandparents, Art and Thelma Ripperda of Sorento, Ill.; a maternal great-grandfather, Lloyd Miller of Collinsville, Ill.; and a paternal great-grandmother, Bessie Stetler of Fremont.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday in Teeters Cemetery, Steuben County. The Rev. Donald Rashley will officiate.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — Ludwina "Honey" Mann, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

CHURUBUSCO — Susan Elizabeth "Betty" Hurst-Duncan, 79, died Saturday. No services or calling.



Deaths/Funerals

Dwight Hostetler

ANGOLA — Dwight S. Hostetler, 91, died Thursday at 4:10 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He retired as foreman at I.T.E. Co. in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Zanesfield, Ohio.

He was born Feb. 20, 1904, in Logan County, Ohio, to Samuel and Rebecca (Kanegy) Hostetler. On Nov. 10, 1926, he married Mary Hostetler. She preceded him in death Aug. 19, 1991.

He is survived by two sons, Donald Hostetler of Bella Vista, Ark., and Richard Hostetler of Fremont; one sister, Luella Heydinger of Bellefontaine, Ohio; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by an infant daughter; two brothers, Amos Hostetler and Herman Hostetler; and one sister, Della Hostetler.

Graveside services will be conducted at a later date in Huber Cemetery, DeGraff, Ohio. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Hazel Teegardin

HAMILTON — Hazel F. Teegardin, 84, died Thursday morning in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

She was a former teacher; retiring from Eastside Junior High School, Butler.

Mrs. Teegardin was born May 22, 1911, in Bridgeport, Ill., to the late James Clifford and Ella Mae (Paul) Gilbert.

She married Kenneth Teegardin on July 26, 1941, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jack K. of Churubusco; one daughter, Jackie (Mrs. Stephen) Friend of Hamilton; one sister, Opal Granlund of Columbia City; six granddaughters and one great-grandson.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. David H. Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in the Teegardin Cemetery.

Irvin Herber Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Irvin A. Herber Jr., 82, died Thursday in the home of his daughter in Fort Wayne.

A native of Fort Wayne, he moved to St. Cloud, Fla., 12 years ago. He was a locomotive engineer for the Pennsylvania, Penn Central and Conrail railroads. He retired in 1974 after 40 years.

His wife, Dorothy, preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are six daughters, Nancy Garman, Posy Frye, Barbara Shaidnagle, Jane Martin and Elizabeth Fisher, all of Fort Wayne, and Judy Wesling of Rome City; two sons, John Herber of Fort Wayne, and Steven Herber of Orland; a sister, Mary Hodge of Austin, Texas; a brother, Robert Herber of Grabill; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, U.S. 27 South. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc., Cancer Services of Allen County or Masses to the church.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in

charge of arrangements.

Norma Culley

BUTLER — Norma Jean Culley, 70, of Butler died Wednesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Wells County and was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindy Carey of Mukilteo, Wash.; a son, Douglas of Lafayette; three brothers, Mark A. Mann and Leon "Shorty" Mann, both of Bluffton, and William A. Mann of Warren; a stepsister, Doris McFarren of Bluffton; a stepbrother, Roger Shaw of Warren; a half-sister, Ellen Marie Buckland of Warren; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Bergman-Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren. Friends may call at the funeral home tonight from 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Irvin A. Herber Jr., 82, died Thursday. Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, U.S. 27 South. No calling.

WARSAW — Mildred C. Helvey, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with calling there 5-7 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Robert M. Bredemeyer, 86, died Wednesday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Howard J. "Howdy" Esterline, 63, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1505 Bethany Lane. Calling 2-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services on Monday at the church.

FORT WAYNE — Arthur H. Kinney, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Grace Brethren Church, 8631 U.S. 27 South. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — Robert H. Pitman, 49, died Thursday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stelhorn Road. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — Diane Bri-Stoffel, 43, died Jan. 23 in California. Services were held in Redondo Beach, Calif.

FORT WAYNE — Charles A. Shrock Jr., 76, died Wednesday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 E. Lincoln Highway. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — Marion L. Wilson Sr., 64, died Wednesday. Services were Thursday in Wichita Falls, Texas.



Deaths/Funerals

AVILLA — Funeral services are pending for **Wilbur L. Fryer**, 89, who died Friday at 5:25 p.m. in Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Avilla. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, in charge of arrangements.

WOODBURN — **Eilert E. "Ike" Helmke**, 73, of rural Woodburn, died Friday at home. Funeral services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Scripture Lutheran Church.

Calling 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mildred Marie Pence**, 90, of rural Columbia City, died Thursday in Whitley County Memorial Hospital. Services today at 1:30 p.m. in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

W.E. Fischer

ANGOLA — W.E. Fischer, 75, of Angola, died Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Fischer retired in 1986 as a project engineer and plant manager for Keystone-Rees in Fremont. He moved to Angola in 1975 from Royal Oak, Mich.

He was born Aug. 1, 1920, in St. Louis to Friedrich and Marguerite (Bergmann) Fischer.

On March 1, 1951, he married Roselyn (Falk), who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Margaret Wendorf of Birmingham, Ala., and Barbara Roshko of Bryan, Ohio; and six grandsons.

Mr. Fischer was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Fischer, and a sister, Myrtle.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Darold Beck will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

James Michael

ANGOLA — James Allen Michael, 61; died Thursday in Durango, Colo.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in the Korean War. A summer resident of Crooked Lake, he retired in 1995 as a program manager for E.G.&G. Co., Las Vegas, Nev.

He was born May 4, 1934, in Eaton, Ohio, to John and Margaret (Allen) Michael. He married Sharon (Lampman) Michael. She survives him.

He also is survived by one son, Thomas Michael of Las Vegas; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Michael-Martin of Las Vegas; two brothers, Thomas Michael of Ocala, Fla., and George Michael of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Mary Anna Myers of Eaton, Ohio; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Davis Paradise Valley Funeral Home, Las Vegas, Nev.

Ada Copper

ANGOLA — Ada K. Copper, 99, died Saturday at 9:30 p.m. in Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

A former Angola resident, she retired in 1962 as a cook for Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity at Tri-State University.

She was born May 15, 1896, in Monroeville to Daniel and Elizabeth (Ryder) Krauter. She married Chester Copper. He preceded her in death in 1992.

She is survived by three daughters, Mabel Leather-

man, Edith Leatherman and Helen Kammeyer, all of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Carl Lott will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Angola United Methodist Church.

Carol Shearer

FORT WAYNE — Carol Ann Shearer, 32, died Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She lived on Avondale Drive, Fort Wayne, and was a former Auburn resident.

She was born April 22, 1962, in Auburn to Merl O. and Eleanor (Dressler) Shearer. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ronnie Lynn of Auburn and Randy Ray of Garrett; two nieces, Heather and Wendy, both of Auburn; and her fiancé, J.R. Walker of Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling from noon until service time. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kidney Foundation.

Richard Woods II

MILWAUKEE — Richard "Dick" Woods II, 45, died Thursday at 11:52 p.m. in St. Luke's Medical Center at Milwaukee.

Mr. Woods was the manager of a Cigarette Depot in Milwaukee. He moved to Milwaukee three months ago from Florida, where he had lived for 10 years. He was a former Auburn resident.

He was born June 13, 1950, in Auburn to Richard S. and Mildred (Geisinger) Woods. His mother survives in St. Joe and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Rose Kowalakowski Woods; five sons, Sam of Kendallville, Stanley, Jeremy and Ritchie, all of Garrett, and Joey of North Carolina; three stepchildren, Christopher Goff and Kimberly Baker, both of Cocoa Beach, Fla., and Jodi Goff of Milwaukee; three brothers, Tom and Eric, both of Auburn and Scott of St. Joe; four sisters, Mary Liberty, Penny Liberty and Kelly Woods, all of St. Joe, and Joyce Davis of Auburn; and 13 grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 and Tuesday after 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Michael Mathews

LAOTTO — Michael E. Mathews, 59, of LaOtto, died at 11:45 a.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born May 24, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Michael and Marie (Stinnet) Mathews. On May 8, 1971, in Ege, he married Jan Mueller. She survives.

Mr. Mathews had been perishable foods supervisor for Food Marketing in Fort Wayne for 35 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Andrea Carmichael of Stroh, Amy Mathews of Hometown, and Abby Mathews of LaOtto; two brothers, Jim Mathews of Killeen, Texas, and John Mathews of New Haven; two sisters, Sandy Minton and Sharon Robinson, both of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery, Ege.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Donovan Van Pelt

BRONSON, Mich. — Donovan E. Van Pelt, 83, of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday in Community Health Center in Branch County, Mich.

He was born near Salem Center in Steuben County. He had been employed as senior tool and die design manager for LA. Darling Co.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; three daughters, Virginia Stewart of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Janet Dodge of Lawton, Mich., and Marrijane Walker of Portage, Mich.; a sister, Willadean Snively of Avilla; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday in Pleasant Hill Mills Missionary Church in Bronson. Burial will be in Matteson Township Cemetery, north of Bronson.

Preferred memorials are to Pleasant Hill Mills Missionary Church, Bronson Community Foundation or Heart Disease Research Foundation.

Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Kathleen J. Maloney**, 41, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Marjorie J. Jay**, 76, died Saturday. Memorial services at a later date.

LAOTTO — **Michael E. Mathews**, 59, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. FORT WAYNE — **Mary M. Bauman**, 72, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Edith P. Close**, 100, died Friday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke.

FORT WAYNE — **Patrick M. O'Brien**, 68, died

Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernard N. Roth**, 92, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **David L. Shepler**, 40, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles R. Shrock Jr.**, 76, died Wednesday. Services were today in New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **Blondell Taylor**, 69, died Jan. 21 in Kenosha, Wis. Services were held Jan. 25 in Zion, Ill.

FORT WAYNE — **William Jr. Woods**, 68, died Wednesday. Services were Saturday in Las Vegas.

FORT WAYNE — **Connie M. Brown**, 70, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary-Ann Lillian Martin Dennis**, 19, died Saturday. Services Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Jarideane Himes**, 60, died Jan. 24. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert W. Link**, 75, died Saturday. Private services were held today.

FORT WAYNE — **Sally Essex Mitchell**, 91, died Thursday. Services in Marion, Ala.

FORT WAYNE — **Marvin E. "Mike" Reeves**, 70, died Friday. Memorial services in Ayshire, Iowa, at a later date.

FORT WAYNE — **Leonard S. Sieminski**, 80, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Rachel A. Bower**, 16, died Saturday in an auto accident. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Edith P. Close**, 100, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke. Memorial services at 10 a.m. Saturday in South Central Congregation Kingdom Hall, 6000 Abbott St.

FORT WAYNE — **Marcella E. Littlefield**, 93, died Saturday. Services at noon Wednesday in St. Vincent's Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth L. McNeely**, 71, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph Earl Mullen**, 64, died Saturday at home. Services at noon Tuesday in Redford, Mich.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mildred Marie Pence**, 90, died Thursday. Services were Saturday in Columbia City.

HARLAN — **Lilian B. Perkins**, 84, died Friday. Services were today in Harlan.

NEW HAVEN — **Ilo I. Rothenhofer**, 87, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

WOODBURN — **Eilert E. "Ike" Helmke**, 73, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Scripture Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8811 Kennerk Road, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Deaths/Funerals

Lynn Fredrick

YARNELL, Ariz. — Lynn D. Fredrick, 62, died Jan. 21 at 7:40 p.m. in his Yarnell home.

Mr. Fredrick was an Auburn native and retired to Arizona after 20 years of service with Dana Corp. He was a veteran, serving with the 4th U.S. Army in Germany and Europe.

He was born March 2, 1933, to the late Lyle and Violet (Sutton) Fredrick.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn; his children, Tyler, Lynette and Allisa, all of Yarnell, Lanny of Auburn, Curtis of Butler, and Liane (Fredrick) Willoughby of Pleasant Lake; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchildren.

One son, Danny, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 9 in Yarnell.

Herbert Love

ORLAND — Herbert L. Love, 74, died Monday at 9 a.m. at his home in Orland.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired after 38 years at Aero-Quip in Jackson, Mich. He was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was born July 10, 1921, in Jackson, Mich., to Clyde and Lillian (Smith) Love. He married Agnes Love. She preceded him in death in 1993.

He is survived by one son, Ronald Love of Sturgis, Mich.; one daughter, Mrs. John (Jacque) Diehl of Orland; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Orland Fire Department.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **R. Carter McLaughlin**, 100, died Sunday. Prayer services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Vernal M. "Mike" Steffey**, 76, died Monday. Memorial services will be announced later.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard M. Bohde**, 60, died Thursday. Services were Saturday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **James H. Hightower**, 54, died Saturday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Jeannette M. Jeffries**, 93, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Van Jenkins**, 84, died Saturday. Services are Wednesday in Detroit.

FORT WAYNE — **Marie Elizabeth Jones**, 65, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Micheaux Funeral Home, 1338 Eliza St., with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert C. Kasischke**, 61, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **William L. Korte**, 76, died Sunday. Private services. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Amelia A. Kulp**, 81, died Saturday. Services Saturday in West Reading, Pa.

FORT WAYNE — **R. Stanley Norman**, 90, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Bohn Chapel, Lindenwood Cemetery.

FORT WAYNE — **E. Leah Palmer**, 100, died Monday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling there one

hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Shahalannie S. Shields**, 9, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ellis Funeral Home, 1021 E. Lewis St., with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Jerome E. Skinner Jr.**, 31, died Saturday. Memorial services were today in Madison, Wis.

FORT WAYNE — **Edward A. Steigmeyer**, 77, died Friday. Services were Monday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

FORT WAYNE — **Henreater Toliver**, 73, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1025 E. Creighton St. with calling 6-8 p.m. Friday in the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Tamara E. Treesh**, 81, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Mildred Stoler Watson Walworth**, 82, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1410 Lake Ave., with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Harry D. Smith**, 67, died Jan. 27 in Gardner, Kan. Private family services were held in Gardner.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Owen

ALTONA — Ruth M. "Honey" Owen, 76, died Monday at 10:22 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived on Bridge Street in Altona. She was a member of the Tri-County Skirts & Shirts Square Dance Club of Auburn and the Garrett Eagles Lodge. She attended the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Owen was born Dec. 8, 1919, in Altona to the late Josh and Ruth (Wood) Baker.

She married Harold W. "Buck" Owen on Dec. 8, 1939, in Auburn and he died Dec. 18, 1993.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda L. Helbert of Garrett; one son, Jimmie B. Owen of Garrett; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Bonnie Parvu; one brother, Reed Baker; and two sisters, Louella Zawadzke and Madonna Kock, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, with visitation after 9 a.m. The Rev. Douglas Ritchie will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Bertha Myers

FORT WAYNE — Bertha J. Myers, 97, died Monday at 11:30 p.m. in Woodview Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne for 19 years. She was a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church, rural Auburn.

She was born Nov. 20, 1898, in DeKalb County to the late Nicholas August and Louise B. (Rettenmund) Dammann.

She married Cecil Myers on

Sept. 10, 1922, in Auburn, and he died in 1983.

Surviving are one daughter, Marilyn L. Conser of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Cletus Hirschy officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Ruth Hopkins

BUTLER — Ruth Louise Hopkins, 75, died Tuesday at 10:46 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

She was a homemaker and had lived on South Broadway in Butler.

She was born Jan. 26, 1921, in Big Stone Gap, Va., to the late Taylor and Eliza Jane (O'Dell) Collins.

She married Morgan Hopkins on May 11, 1935, in Sneedville, Tenn., and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Max and Tony A., both of St. Joe, Jimmy Wayne and Mitchell B., both of Butler, and Raymond D. of Hicksville, Ohio; two daughters, Betty Jane Parker of Butler and Peggy Kuhn of Hamilton; two brothers, Henry Neal Ferguson of Fort Wayne and Elbert Collins of Sneedville; 19 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Tyler, Ronnie Lee and Jeffrey Blaine, and one daughter, Pamela Sue.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Dorsey Mishler

LAGRANGE — Dorsey M. Mishler, 83, of rural Orland, died at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

He was born in LaGrange County on Nov. 6, 1912, to Enos and Lovina (Mehl) Mishler. On Feb. 15, 1940, in Chicago, he married Margrette J. Reynolds. She preceded him in death May 18, 1982. On Feb. 14, 1983, in Auburn, he married Gladys (Cline) Hoff. She survives.

Mr. Mishler, a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Steuben counties, was a retired farmer.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. James (Catherine) Kistler of Fayetteville, N.C., Mrs. John (Mary Ann) Kistler of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Dan (Marsha) Arthur of College Place, Wash.; two sons, Duane Mishler of Stillwater, N.Y., and John M. Mishler of Orland; a stepson, David L. Hoff of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Freeman (Esther) Hartman of Goshen, and Mrs. Golan (Beulah) Yoder of Shipshewana; 23 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Ropp.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Eugene Fauntleroy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Joseph Weingartner, 68, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

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4916 Trier Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

HOWE — Douglas C. Anderson, 19, died Tuesday in an auto accident south of LaGrange. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Berea Missionary Church, Shipshewana, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

WAWAKA — Mary Blanche Kendall, 80, died Tuesday at 5 a.m. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Wawaka Church of the Brethren, with calling 2-8 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

FORT WAYNE — Harold I. Beam Jr., 66, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — Mildred McMillin Benson, 86, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Milroy.

FORT WAYNE — Emma Ponsot Ely, 100, died Saturday. Grave-

side services at 1 p.m. Friday in Riverview Cemetery, South Bend.

FORT WAYNE — Homer "Gene" Lamb, 67, died Sunday at home. Graveside services at a later date. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — Mary Jane Miller Landon, 104, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Mooresville.

FORT WAYNE — Esther Moehle, 74, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — John W. Mullins, 74, died Friday. Services Thursday in Mesa, Ariz.

FORT WAYNE — Edward L. Olsen, 65, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling there two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — Jesse W. Rosse Jr., 56, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Mount Calvary Baptist Church, with calling from 6-8 p.m. Friday in Ellis

Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — Ronald K. Simonis Sr., 75, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and 11 a.m. in Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy King Templin died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in First Mennonite Church, 1213 St. Mary's Ave., with calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — Jurella A. Thomas, 46, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there from 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Virgil Lee Tyler, 59, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Leonard Stafford

HUDSON — Leonard "Jack" Stafford, 63, died Tuesday in the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, he retired after 33 years as a machinist at Dana Weatherhead, Angola. He was a member of the Northeastern Bluegrass Association.

He was born April 15, 1932, in Angola to William and Clara (Myers) Stafford. On Oct. 6, 1956, he married Genevieve (Otis) Stafford. She survives him.

He also is survived by three sons, Leonard Stafford of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bruce Stafford of Brooksville, Fla., and Billy Stafford of Angola; three daughters, Barbara Amburgey of Angola, Laura Steele of Prospect, Tenn., and Brenda Stafford of Angola; one brother, Maynard Stafford of Fremont; one half-sister, Violet Tappenton of Coldwater, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Jane Gonzales.

Services were conducted today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. A military graveside service was performed by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Karen S. (Monhollen) Bare**, 42, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Douglas A. Beals**, 55, died Wednesday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **C. Della Brown**, 95, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bubb Funeral Chapel North, Mishawaka, with calling there 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ethel Needy Klippert**, 95, died Tuesday. Graveside services in Marshfield, Mo.

FORT WAYNE — **Bertha J. Myers**, 97, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Judie A. Nussbaum**, 48, died Tuesday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Friday in Aboite Missionary Church,

7222 W. Jefferson Blvd., with calling there today from noon-4 and 6-9 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Harry R. Shaffer**, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert F. Williams**, 70, died Tuesday at home. Services Friday in Pleasant Hills, Calif.

FORT WAYNE — **Stella L. Williams**, 85, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kenneth A. Lahr**, 63, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

NEW HAVEN — **Douglas W. Proxmire**, 61, died Tuesday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Sue Ross

ANGOLA — Sue Ann Ross, 51, of Angola, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ross, a homemaker, was born April 13, 1944, in Angola to Robert and Opal (Dangler) Mansberger. She was a member of United Brethren Church in Hudson.

On Sept. 11, 1965, she married Gerald L. Ross, who survives at home. Also surviving are a brother, Terry Mansberger of Angola and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Denny Mansberger in 1950 and Gary Mansberger in 1965.

Friends may call Saturday from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, followed by services at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Willard Sanders will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Otha Hook

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Otha "Joe" Hook, 66, died today at 3:22 a.m. in his Hicksville home. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Mr. Hook retired from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, in 1981 with 30 years of service. He also was a farmer. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany for two years. He served many years in the military reserves.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville; Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans in Defiance, Ohio.

He was born Sept. 7, 1929, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Cethel (Ballinger) Hook. He married Leila Wonderly on March 31, 1951, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving him are four daughters, Kristina Giddings, Paula Scranton, Rebecca Dietz and Cynthia Johns, all of Hicksville; one son, Michael of Hicksville; one sister, Madeline Brenninger of Bryan, Ohio; and 15 grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call today after 7 p.m., Saturday after 1 p.m. and Sunday after 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. The Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, with military graveside services conducted by the Hicksville VFW and American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice-Caring Way of Defiance County or the church.

Area Deaths

BRONSON, Mich. — **Beula J. Hodge**, 73, died Thursday at her home. Calling 3-9 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Service 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

LARWILL — **Edith J. Trumbull**, 94, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Marynelle Barnes**, 45, died Wednesday. Services at 3 p.m. Saturday in Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with calling there 3-8 p.m. today and 1-3 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Edward C. Dohring**, 79, died Thursday. Services Saturday in Newfane, N.Y.

FORT WAYNE — **Richard L. Dunkin**, 42, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **The Rev. Albert C. Eicher**, 89, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert E. Privett**, 76, died Feb. 2 at home. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Thelma F. Smith**, 85, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road with calling 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy M. Surelle**, 71, died Monday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.



Deaths/Funerals

James Davis Sr.

GARRETT — James F. Davis Sr., 56, died Thursday at 10:25 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked at Auburn Foundry for 25 years, retiring in 1995 as a maintenance man. He had lived in Garrett for 25 years.

He was born Nov. 23, 1939, in Harvey, Ill., to the late Daniel Martino and Bertha (Reed) Martino.

He married Sharren R. Withers on Feb. 3, 1959, in Chicago, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Melodie Fender of Auburn; two sons, James Davis of Garrett and Scott Davis of Waterloo; three brothers, Daniel Martino and

Robert Martino, both of Harvey, Ill., and William Martino of Burbank, Ill.; one sister, Susan Reardanz of Essex, Ill.; a half-brother, Charles Stettmisch of Blue Island, Ill.; a half-sister, Charlotte Stettmisch of Blue Island; a grandson, Stefan Davis of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Nikita Fender of Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Herbert Schumm of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Carl Till

WATERLOO — Carl Till, 90, died Saturday at 3:04 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a retired Grant Township farmer and lived on County Road 28, Waterloo. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Mr. Till was born July 14, 1905, in Waterloo to the late Ira and Cora (Shimpff) Till.

He married Dorothy Crooks on Nov. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne and she died May 19, 1989.

Surviving are one son, Tom of Waterloo; four daughters, Helen LaCroix of Richland, Wash., Suzy Helfand of Houston, and Judy Haney and Carol Kneubuhler, both of Auburn; two sisters, Faye Holthues of Edon, Ohio, and Bessie Law of Muncie; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

special friend, Shawn Shaffer of Hamilton.

One sister, Romanda, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeff Stackhouse of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the family in care of Charles Girardot, 7680 S. 50-W, Waterloo, IN 46793.

Ross Dailey

ANGOLA — Ross E. Dailey, 68, died Saturday at 2:14 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital's emergency room.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a farmer. He had retired after 25 years with the Steuben County Highway Department. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born May 9, 1927, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, to Ralph and Verda (Strawser) Dailey.

On Nov. 27, 1948, he married Janet (VanPalt) Dailey. She survives him.

He also is survived by three daughters, Patsy Dailey, Peggy Morrison and Polly Crowl, all of Angola; two brothers, Robert Dailey of Angola, and Howard Dailey of Hudson; one sister, Helen Hodge of Angola; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Military graveside rites will be performed by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Laurie Degen

AUBURN — Laurie Ann Degen, 34, who resided in Auburn the past several months and was a former resident of Hicksville, Ohio, was killed in an auto accident in Allen County Saturday morning.

She was born Dec. 15, 1961, in Angola to Imogene Conley Heyman. She survives in Florida.

Mrs. Degen had worked in the Meijer store on State Road 37 in Fort Wayne for the past year.

Surviving with her mother are two daughters, Amanda Renea Degen of Hicksville, and Kristina Grinnell of Auburn; a son, Douglas Degen of Auburn; five sisters, Cindy Hoover of Montpelier, Ohio, Deeanda Sutton of Kendallville, Tamara Porter of Edgerton, Ohio, Tina Staley of Spring Hill, Fla., and Michelle Brady of New Port Richey, Fla.; three brothers, David Heyman of Goshen, Nick Heyman of Kendallville, and Tim Heyman of Hicksville; and grandparents, Wilbur and Ethel Conley of Hicksville, and Karen Degen of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo.

Preferred memorials are to the Degen children.

Chad Girardot

WATERLOO — Chad Russell Girardot, 18, died today at 2:30 a.m. in a traffic accident on the DeKalb-Steuben county line road.

He was a home school student and lived in rural Waterloo. He worked at the Hamilton SuperValu supermarket and Cold Springs resort in Hamilton. He attended the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

He was born Sept. 13, 1977, in Angola to Charles and Yulonda (Spencer) Girardot. They survive in rural Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sisters, Yvonne, Andrea and Sarah, all at home; one brother, Jeffrey, at home; his grandparents, Donald and Lois Girardot of Butler, and James P. and Ruth Spencer of West Otter Lake, Angola; a foster grandmother, Mable Schortgen of Spencerville; a great-grandmother, Addie Farrington of Butler; and a

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Ruth M. Shively, 92, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — Belinda J. Oswald, 22, died Friday in a car accident. Services were today in Churubusco.

LAGRANGE — Katherine Jane Worth, 97, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

LIGONIER — Charles Jim Dice, 45, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — Mildred Evelyn Peck, 78, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

MONGO — Marion E. Martin, 86, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — Ruth P. Cummins, 85, died Thursday. Services were Saturday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Beverly J. Howey, 64, died Thursday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — Rubylean Johnson, 74, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Old Landmark Church of God in Christ, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — Lorraine E. Kappel, 70, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Donald E. Kern, 86, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — Earl B. Long, 71, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling there 2-8 p.m. today and one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — Howard E. Mespell, 71, died Wednesday. Graveside services were held today in Marion.

FORT WAYNE — Lucy M. Harris, 87, died Thursday. Services at noon Friday in Pilgrim Baptist Church with calling there 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Micheaux Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — Robert B. Kinder, 66, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Faith N. Stopher, 88, died Friday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling beginning at noon Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — Genevieve "Genny" Kestner Thurston, 69, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Klahn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Eloise J. Banning, 74, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — Marguerite Lewton, 70, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Edna L. Nordblom, 71, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Margaret C. Pooley, 84, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Chester Townes Jr., 45, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Greater Progressive Baptist Church, 2215 John St. Calling 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — Wilda E. Vaughn, 84, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — William A. Solis, 51, died Friday. Prayer services at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St. Calling 3-5 and 7-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — Lois G. Widdifield, 79, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — Carolyn S. Andrus, 53, died Saturday. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St.

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Dr. Gordon C. Blossom, 74, died Feb. 8 in Sebring, Fla. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Union Chapel Baptist Church, Marion.

FORT WAYNE — Inez Caudill, 72, died Saturday. Services at 8 p.m. Tuesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling there 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — Donald C. Hiron, 84, died Feb. 2. Services were Feb. 5 in Mountain Home, Ark.

Deaths/Funerals

Patricia Chester

FREMONT — Patricia D. Chester, 50, died Sunday at 2:39 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Fremont resident, she was a native of Fort Wayne and a homemaker. Her husband, Dale E. Chester, preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1993.

She is survived by one son, Dale P. Chester of Fremont; two daughters, Penny Worley of Pacific Grove, Calif., and Carlene Gray of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Roger Way of Fort Wayne, Delin D. Way of Victorville, Calif., and Gerald Way of Fremont; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey and Haggard Home For Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family or the Dale P. Chester Trust Fund.

Helen Helms

PAYNE, Ohio — Helen G. Helms, 81, died Sunday at 9:15 p.m. at her home in Payne, Ohio.

She retired as a dietary supervisor from St. Anne's Home, Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Rose Hill Church of God and attended St. Jacob's United Church of Christ in Payne. She was a member of the Benevolent Society of Paulding County Hospital, Paulding, Ohio; and was a past board member of the Church of God Campground, Paulding County.

She was born July 15, 1914, in Mount Carmel, Ill., to Emery and Adella (Wood) Davison. On June 24, 1931, she married Richard C. Helms. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1976.

She is survived by eight daughters: Rita Stackhouse of Pleasant Lake, Donna Garstka of New Haven, Patricia Walker and Mary Roemer of Fort Wayne, and Diana Larimore, Dorothy Gebhart, Emily Jones and Kristina Kipker, all of Payne; four sons, George Helms, Rick Helms and Phillip Helms, all of Payne, and James Helms of Mishawaka; 77 grandchildren, 73

great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday after 4 p.m. at Slade Funeral Home, Payne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Jacob's United Church of Christ, Payne. The Rev. James Langham and the Rev. Randall Merritte will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Memorial gifts may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses or the American Cancer Society.

Vera Short

BRYAN, Ohio — Vera L. Short, 102, died Sunday afternoon in Kingston Care Center, Ligonier.

She formerly lived in Bryan, Ohio, and in rural Ashley in the early 1980s.

She graduated from Bryan High School in 1912 and attended Tri-State University in Angola. She also took classes in Boulder, Colo. She taught 16 years in the Stryker and Pioneer areas, served eight years on the German Township School Board in Fulton County, and clerked in the Bryan Hardware store for 10 years. She also was a writer for the Bryan Times newspaper.

Mrs. Short was a member of the Archbold Missionary Church and also worshiped at the Bryan First Brethren Church, where she was a member of the Women's Missionary Society. She was a publicity member of the Bryan Garden Club.

She was born March 12, 1893, in Lockport, Ohio, to the late Eliza (Wise) and Amery Hider.

She married Joseph Short on May 14, 1920, and he died in 1944.

Surviving are one daughter, LaMoyle (Mrs. Emery) Kintner of Albion; three grandchildren, Robert Kintner of Munster, Don Kintner of Nashville, Tenn., and Susan Rodgers of Roanoke; and one great-granddaughter, Kristina Rodgers of Roanoke.

Two sisters, Gladys Elcock and Viola Paul, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Greenisen-Tilton & Rice Funeral Home, 225 E. High St., Bryan.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Watson of Bryan Church of the Nazarene offi-

ciating. Burial will be in the Lockport Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Bryan First Brethren Church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Donald J. Braun**, 71, died Monday. Prayer services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and services at 11 a.m. in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert L. Click**, 71, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

FORT WAYNE — **Lester Earl Dillman**, 71, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. today in Kokomo.

FORT WAYNE — **Willie Hill**, 64, died Feb. 8. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Greater Progressive Baptist Church where calling is from noon-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in East Jefferson Street Mortuary.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna L. Knight**, 85, died Saturday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Road. No calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Winifred Z. Marker**, 90, died Feb. 6. Private services were held.

FORT WAYNE — **Doris M. Nicholson**, 72, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. A luncheon will follow services at the church. Calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Madaline Shumaker**, 79, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in C.M. Slone & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Juanita M. Byrd Stauffer**, 64, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

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Norman Pinnington

AUBURN — Norman Pinnington, 57, died Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Pinnington had been the owner of Pinnington's Body Shop in Auburn since 1978. He had lived in Auburn since 1966, moving from Liverpool, England. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born Aug. 23, 1938, in Liverpool to Abram and Johanna (Mullally) Pinnington. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

He married Doreen Brookfield on Sept. 3, 1962, in Liverpool, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Alex J. of Auburn; one daughter, Nicole L. of Auburn; three brothers, Kenneth A. of Waterloo, John J. of Angola, and Terrance G. of Auburn; four sisters, Maureen Ball of Valparaiso, Eileen Conrad of Waterloo, and Rose M. Riley and Anne B. Pinnington, both of Auburn; and one grandson, Justin D. Pinnington of Auburn.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic

Church, Auburn, with calling at the church after 10 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital for Cancer Research.

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William Elliott

LAGRANGE — William "Bill" Elliott, 67, of Royer Lake, LaGrange, died at his residence Wednesday.

He was born March 22, 1928, in LaGrange County to Frank and Beatrice (Bertram) Elliott. His mother survives in LaGrange. On Oct. 16, 1949, in Brighton, he married Reta Anne Booth. She also survives.

Mr. Elliott, a lifetime resident of LaGrange, was a retired State Farm Insurance agent with 33 years of service. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. A life member of American Legion Post 215 and DAV, both of LaGrange, he was also a member of LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F. & A.M., LaGrange and Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two daughters, Mrs. LeLand (Deborah) Wickey of Centreville, Mich., and Mrs. William M. (Teresa) Brown of Churubusco; two sons, William Booth Elliott of LaOtto, and Bret L. Elliott of LaGrange; two sisters, Mrs. Walter (Lauretta) Quast of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Mrs. Merlin (Barbara) Schemahorn of Wolcottville; a brother, Robert Elliott of LaGrange; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Lowell Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, where military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 215.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Masonic services there at 8 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Charles Tiffany

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio — Charles Franklin Tiffany, 51, died Monday in Lima, Ohio.

A former Angola resident, he graduated from Angola High School and attended Tri-State University. He was a design engineer for OSP Consultants.

He was born Jan. 7, 1945, in Angola, to Robert and Margaret (Fast) Tiffany. His father survives in Angola.

He also is survived by one son,

Ian Tiffany of Rhinelander, Wis.; one daughter, Lisa Rogers of Killen, Ala.; one sister, Marsha McClish of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Hope Tiffany.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Doug Deller will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Russell Tackett**, 73, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

LIGONIER — **Earl R. Enders**, 72, died Wednesday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Lou Burkhardt**, 68, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ersa M. Cloud** died Tuesday. Private services Friday. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St.

FORT WAYNE — **Daniel W. Emrich**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Juaneita Maxine Kinsey**, 71, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Virginia M. Kissell**, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Homer G. Lamb**, 67, died Feb. 4. Graveside services were today in Logansport.

FORT WAYNE — **Monajean "Nikki" Leland**, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9

p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen L. Mossburg**, 71, died Sunday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy M. O'Connor**, 79, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road. Calling 2-5:30 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and 30 minutes before services at the church on Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Bertha Zeider Prilaman**, 78, died Wednesday. Services Saturday in Logansport.

FORT WAYNE — **Martha Belle Robinson (Wells)**, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert F. Stahl**, 79, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **David Alan Turrin**, 52, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Church of the Nazarene, 3515 W. State Blvd. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **William "Woodie" Woods**, 68, died Jan. 31. No services. Calling 10 a.m.-noon at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St.

FORT WAYNE — **Gleta Marie Wright**, 99, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there from noon-2 p.m. Saturday.

NEW HAVEN — **William C. Baer**, 87, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Orval See

AUBURN — Orval E. See, 83, died Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was retired from Warner Gear in Auburn, where he worked as a machinist, and had lived in Auburn since 1923. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and its food bank and fellowship class.

Mr. See was born Sept. 1, 1912, in Denver, Ind., to the late Harvey E. and Edith (Tracy) See.

He married Doris M. Barnhart on July 7, 1934, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jon M. See of Jamestown, Ky.; one brother, H. Lester See of Auburn; three grandchildren, Michael See of Russell Springs, Ky., Eric See of Blairsville, Pa., and Christina Meyer of Machesney Park, Ill.; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan See, Emily See and Lucas Meyer.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. The Rev. Paul Burris, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church building fund.

Robert Uehlein

SPENCERVILLE — Robert Theodore Uehlein, 73, died Thursday at 12:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Uehlein worked at Auburn Gear for 25 years, retiring in 1972. He was a World War II Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn Moose Lodge, the Auburn post of the American Legion, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born April 30, 1922, in Lorain, Ohio, to the late Lawrence and Bertha Uehlein.

He married Doris Schuller on March 25, 1945, in Ege, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry of Hamilton and Terry of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra Garrison of Hamilton and Bobette Roberts of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Gerry Cendrosky and Betty Rounds, both of Lorain; nine grandchildren, one great-grandson, and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Harold and LeRoy, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the funeral home, followed by an Auburn Moose Lodge service at 8 p.m.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery, with a military graveside service by the Waterloo VFW.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

AARP in Sheridan.

Mrs. Hughes was born May 16, 1902, in Marion to the late Frank and Junie (Turner) Thalls. Her husband, Alfred L., preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Dr. William B. Hughes of Waterloo; one daughter, June Oyler of Gas City; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Needham-Storey Funeral Service-Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Ward Turner and the Rev. Jerry Dean officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Philip Johnson

ANGOLA — Philip S. Johnson, 82, died Wednesday at 11 p.m. at his home in Angola.

Mr. Johnson was the owner of Philip S. Johnson Insurance Service and an insurance agent. He retired in 1986.

He was a graduate of Franklin High School and Franklin College and was a member of the Angola Moose lodge.

He was born Nov. 10, 1913, in Franklin to William R. and Bess (Sellers) Johnson.

On Sept. 21, 1940, he married Ruth A. (Robards) Johnson, who preceded him in death on March 26, 1991.

Surviving are two nieces and two nephews.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Paul Arnold Jr.

AVILLA — Paul Arnold Jr., 66, of Avilla, died at 8:20 a.m. Thursday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a nine-year illness.

He was born in Flint on April 11, 1929, to Paul and Beulah (Robinson) Arnold Sr. On Aug. 31, 1957, in Kendallville he married Margaret "Phyllis" Franklin. She survives.

Mr. Arnold had lived in Kendallville many years before moving to Avilla in October 1995. He had been a grinder for Newnam Manufacturing in Kendallville for 30 years before his retirement in 1989. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. David (Colleen) Young of Avilla, and Maureen Arnold of Kokomo; a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Betty Arnold of Kendallville; five sisters, Hilda Caywood of Fort Wayne, Mildred Shutts of Fremont, Pauline Lehman of Mesa, Ariz., Gladys Lehman of Angola and Betty Taylor of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Kyle and Kris Young of Avilla, and Elisha, Erica and Erin Arnold of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Homer Arnold, and a sister, Emma Jane Arnold.

Icil Hughes

MARION — Icil E. Hughes, 93, died Wednesday at 9:45 p.m. in Marion General Hospital, Marion.

Mrs. Hughes was a lifetime resident of Grant County. She was a member of Union Chapel Baptist Church and its Ladies Aid Society. She was a 50-year member of Eastern Star, a charter member of the Walnut Creek Home Economics Club, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at Marion General Hospital, where she volunteered for over 20 years. She was a member of

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Grace Carswell**, 66, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Spiritual Israel Church, 610 E. Douglas St. Calling 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **H. Paul Durnell**, 71, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Calling 6-9 p.m. today and after 10 a.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — **Oliver G. Schnelker**, 75, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Calling 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church.

HOAGLAND — **Edward E. Knefelkamp**, 65, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Marquart & Jacobs Funeral Home, Monroeville, with calling there

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Destiny Frain

KENDALLVILLE — Destiny Ann Frain, 8, of Kendallville, died at 7:23 p.m. Thursday in Fort Wayne's Parkview Memorial Hospital emergency room. She died from injuries sustained in a 5:06 p.m. automobile accident on C.R. 1000E.



Destiny Frain

She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville and a second-grade student at Wayne Center Elementary School.

Frain was born Oct. 15, 1987, to Michael G. Frain and Diana (Gose) Frain, both of Kendallville.

Other survivors include maternal grandparents, Wavalyn and Willis E. Gose Sr., both of Kendallville; paternal grandmother, Goldie Louise Frain of Ligonier; and several aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ken Perdue officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery in Steuben County.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ruby Faux

AVILLA — Ruby M. Faux, 91, died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla after two years of failing health.

She was a retired secretary from Wagner Insurance Agency in Kendallville. Faux was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Faux was born March 22, 1904, in Albion.

She married Charles Faux on Feb. 2, 1935, in Albion. He died in February 1978.

Faux also was preceded in death by one sister, Trudy Faux.

Survivors include one son, Clair Faux of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Donald Faux of Fort Wayne; one sister, Lelia Schutt of LaGrange; six grandchildren; Audra Brooks of Cincinnati, Ohio, L. Douglas Faux of Fort Wayne; Jon Faux of Fort Wayne; Susan Bradtmiller of Woodburn; Valerie Sanders of Florida and Steven Faux of Fort Wayne; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Frank Messenger officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be given to Sacred Heart Home.

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Rev. William Hodge

AUBURN — The Rev. William Marvin Hodge, 86, died Friday at 6:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a retired Nazarene minister. He had lived in Auburn since September 1993 and formerly lived in Science Hill, Ky. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Science Hill.

He was born April 7, 1909, in Casey County, Ky., to the late Levi and Cora (Wesley) Hodge.

Surviving him are two sons, Dr. William N. Hodge of Garrett and James Hodge of Naples, Fla.; one daughter, Edna Maxwell of Springfield, Ohio; one brother, Hulon Hodge of Stanford, Ky.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted today in Pulaski Funeral Home, Somerset, Ky., with the Rev. A.A. Farris officiating. Burial was in Tarter Cemetery, Nancy, Ky.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of local arrangements.

Mary Lynch

ANGOLA — Mary E. Lynch, 68, died Thursday at 4:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had worked for Handy & Harman, Angola.

She was born March 9, 1927, in Decatur, Ill., to Fred and Emma (Marx) Tanzyus. She married Thomas Lynch. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She is survived by one son, Stephen Lynch of Angola; one daughter, Mrs. Randy (Suzanne) Johnson of Charlotte, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Gruber and Gertrude Tanzyus, both of Lexington, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, Mich. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice.

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BRIMFIELD — **Betty K. Kline**, 71, died Saturday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. today.

DECATUR — **Elma Ploughe**, 82, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Haggard & Armes Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Geraldine Stover**, 79, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Sylvanus "Wayne" Frey**, 81, died Saturday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Maple Grove Mennonite Church, Topeka, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

William Varner

PLEASANT LAKE — William A. Varner, 65, died Monday at 2:50 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he retired in 1992 as a mechanic at Interstate Equipment Co., Ashley.

He was born to Alvin and Bessie (McCormack) Varner on Oct. 20, 1930, in LaGrange.

On Dec. 26, 1953, he married Joanna (Whitcomb) Varner. She survives him.

He also is survived by three daughters, Vonda Varner of Fremont, Valerie Varner and Melanie Varner, both of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Richard Varner of Missouri; and two sisters, Della Randol of LaGrange and Betty Elliott of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, William Varner, in 1962.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Graveside rites will be performed by the American Legion Post 423 of Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Riley Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 40786, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

(The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.)

Jim Neuhaus

KENDALLVILLE — James A. "Jim" Neuhaus, 54, of Kendallville, died Saturday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 11, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Howard and Edith (Feltz) Neuhaus. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Neuhaus was an inspector for 25 years for Dana Corp.

Surviving with his mother are two sons, Richard Neuhaus of Northville, Mich., and Jaime Neuhaus of Parkstein, Germany; a daughter, Cassandra Solero of Cincinnati, Ohio; three brothers, Bob Neuhaus of Fort Wayne; Don Neuhaus of Auburn; and Ken Neuhaus of Sarasota, Fla.; two sisters, Tricia Genail of Auburn and

Mary Ann McKee of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at 11 a.m. in St. Peter Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Angola Treatment Center or the Salvation Army.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Irving C. Button**, 89, of Kendallville, died at 9:55 a.m. Monday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy M. Adams**, 47, died Friday. Services are pending for Saturday in Ellis Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Deborah E. Arney**, 47, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Bernice V. Calland**, 76, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Union Baptist Church, 2200 Smith St., with calling one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Leticia J. Fairfield-Camponico**, 52, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Union Baptist Church with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Shawn Michael Cooksey**, 18, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazil, Ind.

FORT WAYNE — **Darold E. McCormick**, 70, died Saturday. No services.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna M. Moreau**, 92, died Sunday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hillman, Mich.

FORT WAYNE — **Isaiah Nichols**, 53, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Gary.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph A. Petrie**, 83, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Jude Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., and 30 minutes before services.

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R. Marie Houser

AUBURN — R. Marie Houser, 93, died Wednesday at 11:35 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mrs. Houser lived in Castle Court Apartments, Auburn. She was a bookkeeper for Farmers Equity in Waterloo for 15 years, retiring in 1965. She was a member of Community Bible Church of Butler.

She was born June 27, 1902, in Clare, Mich., to the late Irving and Martha Jane (Yorton) Martin.

She married George Harold Houser in November 1922 in Pontiac, Mich., and he died July 15, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Duane of Butler and Jerry of Wabash; two daughters, Marna Moughler of Butler and Dorothy Shy of Lancaster, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Robert Courtney of the Community Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Operation Shelter in Auburn or Youth For Christ of Northeast Indiana.

Dorothy Furnish

MARION — Dorothy M. Furnish, 68, died Wednesday at her son's home in Marion.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Marion since 1956. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Eagles Club, Moose Lodge, and Pythian Sisters. She was a past president of React. She was a past chief of the Pochontas Order of the Redmen, and a past member of the American Motorcycle Association.

Mrs. Furnish was born Jan. 14, 1928, in Fort Wayne to the late Benjamin and Bernice King. Her husband, Virgil W. Furnish, died Aug. 18, 1983.

Surviving are one son, Virgil of Marion; one brother, Thomas King; three sisters, Mary Lou Crager and Carol DeHault, both of Garrett, and Phyllis Bowser of Auburn; and one grandchild.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in Needham-Storey North Chapel, Marion. An Eagles service will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with calling from 10 a.m. until service time. The Rev. Mark Carlson will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Grant County Cancer Society, 1223 S. Spencer Ave., Marion IN 46952.

Matilda Nuttle

KENDALLVILLE — Matilda H. Nuttle, 89, of Kendallville died Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Nuttle had lived most of her life in Fort Wayne. She was retired from General Electric.

Surviving are a son, James Nuttle of Hudson; three sisters, Golda Miller of Grabill, Anna Boland of Columbia City and Helen Fisher of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville or the charity of the donor's choice.

James Stephenson

CLEAR LAKE — James H. Stephenson, 85, died Wednesday at 12:15 a.m. at his home on Clear Lake.

A graduate of the University of Ohio Pharmacy College, he had been employed as a pharmacist at Boyd Martin Drugs and Frohnapple Drugs, both in Fort Wayne. He owned Stephenson Drug Store, Fort Wayne, for 30 years before retiring in 1974.

He moved to Steuben County 20 years ago, and was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola; Masonic Lodge 725, Fort Wayne; and the Clear Lake Lions Club.

He was born Sept. 15, 1910 in Madison to Chester and Edith (Shockley) Stephenson. On June 30, 1937, he married Elma (Brockschmidt) Stephenson. She survives him.

He also is survived by one son, John of Hudsonville, Mich.; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Kenas of Fredrick, Md.; one sister, Janet Weyrich of Rising Sun; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Friends may call Friday from 10-11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. David Bauman will officiate. Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Chapel Fund at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.



John Boyles

HUDSON — John B. Boyles, 51, of Hudson, died Tuesday at 9:35 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne to Robert E. and Florence Boyles.

Mr. Boyles had lived in Hudson 33 years and was a machine operator for K&G Manufacturing. He was a member of Trail Blazer's Snowmobile Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sons, John J. Boyles and Terry A. Boyles, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Marna Bixler of Hazard, Ky., Betty Woods of New Haven, and Carolyn Gasper of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Cliff Boyles and Michael Boyles, both of Fort Wayne, and Robert Boyles of New Haven; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with the Rev. Ken Stirratt officiating. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to American Heart Association or St. Rose Catholic Church restoration fund, Monroeville.

Leona Nichols

ANGOLA — Leona Arie Nichols, 79, died Monday at 10 p.m. in her Angola home.

She had been a clerk at K&H Pharmacy, Angola.

She was born Sept. 29, 1916, in Fremont to Vern and Enola (Hutchins) Hufnagle. She married J.Q. Nichols. He preceded her in death in 1984.

She is survived by two daughters, Eunice (Mrs. John) Gibbeny and Mary Ann Burlew, both of Fremont; one brother, Jack Hufnagle of Punta Gorda, Fla.; three sisters, Mildred May of Fremont, Frieda (Mrs. John) Frain of Auburn, and Treva (Mrs. Ray) McClanahan of Grayling, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She has preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn; two sisters; and one brother.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. Norman Fuller will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

Helen Mills

LAOTTO — Helen R. Toth Mills, 79, of LaOtto and formerly of Fort Myers, Fla., died Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in her home.

She was born in Fort Wayne Jan. 15, 1917, to John and Josephine (Baron) Wiech. She married Paul Mills, who preceded her in death in 1995.

Mrs. Mills had lived in LaOtto the past nine months and was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth Craft of LaOtto; three sons, Kenneth Toth of Churubusco, Frank Toth of Garrett, and Pat Plank of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Josephine Plank, Genevieve Brandt and Estelle Lee, all of Fort Wayne; and

four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Roberta Ring officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Inc., Fort Wayne.

Walter Richter

FREMONT — Walter "Pete" Edward Richter, 63, died today at 3:35 a.m. in Carlin Park Health Care, Angola.

He was employed at Essex Wire.

He was born April 1, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Alvin Carl Richter Sr. and Iva Pauline (McDonald) Richter. His father survives him in Angola.

He also is survived by two sons, Danny of Texas, and Bob of Tennessee; three daughters, Penny of Texas, Kathy of Tennessee, and Debbie of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Alvin Jr. of Fort Wayne, Paul of Fremont, and Terry of LaGrange; one sister, Sheryl Kelly of Clarksville; and several grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. Donald Kleinschmidt will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery,

Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Heart Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Opal Brechbill

RENSSELAER — Opal May Brechbill, 89, died Wednesday at 2:09 p.m. in Rensselaer Care Center.

Mrs. Brechbill lived in Rensselaer for 25 years. She was a homemaker and was active in the ceramic business when she lived in Hammond and Remington. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Remington.

She was born Oct. 25, 1906, in DeKalb County to the late Lewis Allen and Eva Mae (Weinhold) Carbaugh.

She married John Brechbill on April 16, 1927, in Garrett, and he died in 1983.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Lou (Mrs. Don) Erickson of Remington; three grandchildren, Marcia Brunson, Tim Erickson, and John Erickson; and three great-great-grandchildren, Melanie Brunson, Matt Brunson and Madison Erickson.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. in Stitz Funeral Home, Remington.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Remington United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Walker will officiate.

Burial with a graveside service will take place Saturday at about 3 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Harriet Moore

BUTLER — Harriet E. Moore, 86, died Wednesday at 12:21 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

Mrs. Moore was born Jan. 5, 1910, in Stavanger, Norway, to the late Harold and Nora (Stené) Hansen.

She married Orville B. Moore on July 8, 1939, in Chicago, and he died Jan. 31, 1979.

Surviving are four daughters, Esther Kissinger of Fort Wayne, Carol Hanna of Hicksville, Ohio, Sally Moore of Butler and Karen Chambers of Fairfield, Ohio; one sister, Bertha E. Albins of Black Canyon City, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

One son, Harold Herzberg, and two sisters preceded her in death.

There will be no calling or service. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Raymond Watson**, 74, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Elizabeth M. Raether**, 78, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — **Edna Dean Leftwich**, 48, died Wednesday. Services at 6 p.m. Sunday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Vincent H. McDermott**, 73, died Thursday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Vesta A. Muhn**, 78, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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John Longardner Jr.

ANTWERP, Ohio — John K. Longardner Jr., 59, died Tuesday evening at his rural Antwerp home after an 11-month illness with bone cancer.

He worked for B.F. Goodrich for 24 years, 11 months. He then worked for Indiana Die Molding, Fort Wayne, until retiring in December 1995. He graduated from New Haven High School in 1956.

He was a member of the Payne Amvets Post 92 and East Allen County Gun Club, for which he was a past president. He was a U.S. Army veteran from 1959 to 1962, serving in Korea.

Mr. Longardner was born Oct. 4, 1936, in Allen County, Ind., to John Kimball and Leona (Roberts) Longardner. They survive in Harlan.

He married Caroline Wells on Dec. 22, 1962, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Melanie Longardner Coak of Paulding, Ohio; two sons, John Nicholas of Antwerp and Julius of the U.S. Naval Base at Whidby Island, Wash.; one sister, Carol Bordner of Leo; three brothers, Bruce of Antwerp, Kenneth of Winter Park, Fla., and Richard of Noblesville; two grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in the Antwerp United Methodist Church,

U.S. 24 East. The Rev. John Gray will officiate.

Pauley Funeral Home, Antwerp, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to John's Memory Garden, in care of Antwerp Exchange Bank, Antwerp, OH 45813.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Thomas F. Dressler**, 53, died Friday. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with calling one hour prior.

FORT WAYNE — **Margaret Golden McClain**, 78, died Friday. Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday in Faith Baptist Church, 6600 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Janet Zollner Fisher**, 93, died Friday. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling there from 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

V. Marie Sherwood

AUBURN — V. Marie Sherwood, 78, died Saturday at 4:30 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn since 1930, moving from Champaign, Ill.

She was born Dec. 17, 1917, in Champaign to the late Samuel and Francis (Reed) Tarter.

She married Cleo Sherwood on Aug. 30, 1940, in Auburn, and he died July 15, 1992.

Surviving are one daughter, Judi A. Hensinger of Auburn; one son, C. Wayne Sherwood Jr. of Auburn; two brothers, Samuel M. Tarter of Tampa, Fla., and John W. Tarter of Champaign; two sisters, Ruth M. Brown and Betty L. Erwin, both of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, May Grate and Grace Phillips, one brother, Paul M. Tarter, and one grandson, Craig Davis.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Alan Gibson, associate pastor of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association.

Jay Trost

WARSAW — Jay Ellery Trost, 32, of Warsaw died at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 4, 1963, in Angola to Paul and Jaquelyn (Bower) Trost. They survive in South Bend. On March 17, 1990, he married Beth Ann Mengel and she also survives.

Mr. Trost had resided in Kendallville before moving to Kosciusko County three years ago. He was a 1981 graduate of North Liberty High School in North Liberty and had been employed by Berry-Bear-

Charles Atkins

AUBURN — Charles V. Atkins, 81, died Sunday at 10:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a setup man at Warner Gear in Auburn for 33 1/2 years, retiring Feb. 1, 1973. He was an honorary member of the UAW in Auburn. He lived on Erie Pass in Auburn.

Mr. Atkins was born June 21, 1914, in Toledo, Ohio, to the late Charles E. and Nevada (Brown) Atkins.

He married Mary J. Hess on Sept. 9, 1937, in Avilla, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janet Hathaway and Charlotte McCrory, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Opal Woolery of Kingman, Ariz., and Vivian Houg, of Hasparia, Calif.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Howard, and one sister, Fay, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church.

ing Inc. in Warsaw since 1986. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw.

Surviving with his wife and parents are a son, Jayson, at home; a sister, Joy Worrell of South Bend; and his grandmother, Ruth Bower of Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Fitterling Trost, in 1986.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw with the Rev. Terry Fisher officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Preferred memorials are to Sacred Heart School, 125 N. Harrison, Warsaw.

Joan Kaufman

WAYNESFIELD, Ohio — Joan Louise Carl Kaufman, 61, died Sunday in Lima Memorial Hospital at Lima, Ohio.

She graduated from Lima South High School and was a homemaker most of her life.

She was born April 8, 1934, in Lima to the late William and Ruth Carl.

She married Kenneth Kaufman in March 1963, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kurt of Waynesfield; one daughter, Kymberly Ma of Dayton, Ohio; five sisters, Virginia Sproul of Waynesfield, Beryl Armentrout and Dorothy Springer, both of Lima, Wilma Roberts of Daleville, Ala.; and Jacqueline Carl of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4:30 and 6-8 p.m. in Baliff & Son Funeral Home, Cridersville, Ohio.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North Street, Lima.

Maxine Wagner

ANGOLA — Maxine L. Wagner, 85, died Friday at 3:58 p.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

She had been a secretary to the president of Tri-State University, and owner of Sharon Ann Flower Shops, Angola. She was a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born June 20, 1910, in Fort Wayne to John C. and Ethel B. (Snowberger) Stafford.

She is survived by one daughter, Sharon Vigliotta of Angola.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Gulfport, Fla. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.



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Gertrude Grogg

LAGRANGE — Gertrude A. Grogg, 97, died Saturday at 2 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Lagrange.

Mrs. Grogg retired from the housekeeping department of LaGrange Hospital. She had lived in LaGrange County since 1939. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange and its United Methodist Women, and the LaGrange County War Mothers.

She was born Jan. 13, 1899, in Green Township, Noble County, to the late James M. and Mary Etta (Owens) Leitch.

Surviving are three daughters, Joan Post of Sturgis, Mich., June Vaughn of Shipshewana, and Jean Davis of Angola; three sons, Francis J. and Jerry O., both of LaGrange, and Ray of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Linhart officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church, LaGrange.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Fern R. "Pete" Davis**, 67, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-9 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Myrtle E. Glawe**, 80, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Christeen Aileen Neal**, 70, died Thursday. Services were Saturday in Columbia City.

ROME CITY — **John U. Adams**, 77, died Friday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Imogene Mary Beahr**, 65, died Friday. Graveside services were today in New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — **Willis H. Breese**, 82, died Feb. 2 in Florida. Services were in Tavares, Fla., Feb. 6.

FORT WAYNE — **Eileen E. Collins**, 60, died Thursday. Services were today in Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — **Laura L. Dawson**, 44, died Feb. 20 in Boca Raton, Fla. Graveside chapel services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Christopher Shiro Follis**, 18, died Feb. 16 at



Deaths/Funerals

Stephen Blomeke

AUBURN — Stephen L. "Steve" Blomeke, 21, died Monday at noon in his Auburn home.

He was a student at Purdue University, West Lafayette, where he was a member of the Forestry Club, Rodeo Club, and Fishing Club.

He was a 1993 graduate of DeKalb High School, where he was a member of the baseball and football teams and FFA. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and lived most of his life in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 24, 1974, in Fort Wayne to David J. and Betty J. (Hicks) Blomeke. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, Timothy D. of Purdue University, West Lafayette, and Nicholas G. of Auburn; his paternal grandmother, Marie (Ellert) Blomeke of Auburn; and his maternal grandparents, Sarah (Whitaker) and Sedge Hicks Sr. of Garrett, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, George Blomeke.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. Father Raymond Balzer of Immaculate Conception and Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Purdue University Forestry Club.

Cleota Chrisman

LAGRANGE — Cleota C. Chrisman, 80, of LaGrange died at 3:45 a.m. Monday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Clinton Township, Elkhart County, on Sept. 14,

1915, to Albert W. and Fannie A. (Rowe) Hite. On April 14, 1939, in New Paris, she married Howard T. Chrisman. Her husband, who served as LaGrange County sheriff from January 1979 to September 1980, was also an Indiana State Police officer. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Chrisman, who moved from Logansport to LaGrange in 1956, was a homemaker. She also had resided in Auburn. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and its UMW.

Surviving are three sons, Gary L. Chrisman of LaGrange, Nolan H. "Butch" Chrisman of Wolcottville and Phillip L. Chrisman of Nappanee; two brothers, Freeman Hite of Goshen and Robert Hite of Lorida, Fla.; a sister, Carrie Hostetler of Elkhart County; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Linhart officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Karen Marckel

FREMONT — Karen J. Marckel, 52, died Saturday at 8:23 a.m. in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

She was an admitting clerk at Hillsdale Hospital, Hillsdale, Mich.

She was born June 28, 1943 in Milwaukee, Wis., to Edwin C. and Gertrude (Kroening) Krause. She married Jerry Marckel. He survives her.

She is also survived by three daughters, Leah Marckel of Indianapolis; Trina Marckel of Fremont; and Andrea Marckel of Fort Wayne; one brother, Kenneth Krause of Germantown, Wis.; and one sister, Joyce Munson of Leawood, Kan.

Friends may call Thursday from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Services Graceland Chapel, Milwaukee. Burial will be in Graceland Ceme-

tery, Milwaukee.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Raymond "Don" Bazzinett Jr.**, 75, died Feb. 18. Services were private.

FORT WAYNE — **Anna M. Gill**, 58, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Lucy A. Hind**, 69, died Sunday. Graveside services Saturday in Sunrise, Ky.

FORT WAYNE — **Paul A. Hull**, 81, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Bohn Chapel of Lindenwood Cemetery, 2324 W. Main St., with calling 30 minutes before services.

FORT WAYNE — **James R. Monroe**, 73, died Sunday. Prayer services at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Calhoun St. Calling 5-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Thomas E. Sheets**, 71, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and one hour before services at the church Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **John H. Stolte**, 89, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and 30 minutes before services in the church.

FORT WAYNE — **Beryl E. Winant**, 62, died Jan. 12 in Washington, D.C. Services were Jan. 24 in Hyattsville, Md.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James M. Rohrbach**, 66, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. today.



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Charles Atkins

AUBURN — Charles V. Atkins, 81, died Sunday at 10:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a setup man at Warner Gear in Auburn for 33 1/2 years, retiring Feb. 1, 1973. He was an honorary member of the UAW in Auburn, and lived on Erie Pass in Auburn.

Mr. Atkins was born June 21, 1914, in Toledo, Ohio, to the late Charles E. and Nevada (Brown) Atkins.

He married Mary J. Hess on Sept. 9, 1937, in Avilla, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janet Hathaway and Charlotte McCrory, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Opal Woolery of Kingman, Ariz., and Vivian Houg, of Hasparia, Calif.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One brother, Howard, and one sister, Fay, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Martha Hampshire

WOLCOTTVILLE — Martha C. Hampshire, 88, of rural Wolcottville died at 6:50 p.m. Monday in her residence following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 10, 1907, in Steuben County to Walter and Laura (Cline) Delancey. On Dec. 24, 1926, in Angola, she married Albert Hampshire. He preceded her in death Jan. 25, 1984.

Mrs. Hampshire moved from DeKalb County to this area in 1954. She had worked as a clerk for the license bureau in Kendallville for 12 years and was a farm wife.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Lehman of rural Wolcottville; a son, Charles Hampshire of Angola; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Floyd Delancey and Marlin Delancey.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Donald Strand

ST. JOE — Donald Raymond Strand, 76, died Friday at 6:30 a.m. in Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis.

He lived in Minneapolis and formerly lived in St. Joe. He was a retired janitor, and was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II and the Korean conflict.

Mr. Strand was born Aug. 4, 1918, in Minneapolis to the late Peter and Molly (Brandt) Strand.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Wells of Pleasant Lake and Janice Grogg of St. Joe; eight grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, one great-granddaughter, 13 stepgreat-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. Paul Burris of Indian Village Church of God will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auburn American Legion Building Fund.

Deaths/Funerals

Keith Snyder

BUTLER — Keith Eugene "Scrub" Snyder, 50, of County Road 28, Butler, died Wednesday at 4:10 p.m. He suffered a heart attack while unloading his semi in Leipsic, Ohio.

He was employed as a truck driver for Frank Dunn Transport of Waterloo. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean conflict. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, the Butler post of the American Legion, and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Mr. Snyder was born Aug. 22, 1945, in Auburn, to Warren and Beatrice Snyder. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Butler.

On July 26, 1976, he married Janis Myers in Springfield, Tenn., and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four daughters, Tiffany (Mrs. Greg) Norton, of Auburn, and Mariah, Cissandra and Jamiaca Snyder, all of Butler; three brothers, Jerry of Leo, Lance of Butler, and Mike of Garrett; a sister, Linda Evanoff of Butler, and three grandchildren, Tanesha, Keastanda and Layton.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Janis Snyder, 5044 CR 28, Butler IN 46721.

Bradd Zeisloft

AUBURN — Bradd C. Zeisloft, 40, died Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in his rural Auburn home.

He was a welder for Vulcraft of St. Joe, and a Wilmington Township farmer with his father and brother. He was a 1974 graduate of

Eastside High School and a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Auburn.

Mr. Zeisloft was born Feb. 25, 1956, in Auburn to Thornton and Marjorie (Haynes) Zeisloft. They survive in Auburn.

He married Kay Coburn on Oct. 5, 1974, in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jeremy, at home; one daughter, Sarah, at home; one brother, Dennis of Auburn; and three sisters, Gwen Garman of Bloomfield, Deanna Treesh of Butler, and Susan Boyle of Auburn.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Stevan R. Haiflich officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Dorothy Kiser

FREMONT — Dorothy Violet Kiser, 75, died Tuesday at 2 p.m. at her home in Fremont.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont Rebekah Lodge, Fremont American Legion Auxiliary and the Angola Moose Lodge.

She was born April 9, 1920, in Union City, Mich., to James and Nellie (Davis) Bell.

Her husband of 55 years, Herbert Kiser, survives her.

She also is survived by one son, Vance Kiser of Bluffton; one daughter, Vironica Y. Brown of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lyle Bell of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Larry (Lottie) Burch and Ginevra Price, both of Fremont; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, March 9, at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Fort Wayne Veterans Administration Nursing Home.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **John Wesley Hays**, 69, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Community Baptist Church, South Milford. Calling 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Christian H. Mueller**, 80, died Wednesday. Services at 3 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ben D. Carr**, 80, died Feb. 17 in Texas. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert George Craighead**, 78, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., and 30 minutes before services at the church on Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Conrad H. Goode**, 65, died Sunday. Services were Tuesday in Michigan.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary Doswell Hurt** died Monday at home. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Martinsville.

FORT WAYNE — **May Francis Kelly**, 95, died Tuesday. No local services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **James D. Smith**, 49, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Zella Marie Walker**, 89, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St.

Deaths/Funerals

Garthard Zegenfus

AUBURN — Garthard G. Zegenfus, 77, died Thursday at 10:15 a.m. in his home on South Van Buren Street, Auburn.

He retired from Warner Gear on Dec. 1, 1981, with 33 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, and the Auburn Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Zegenfus was born April 21, 1918, in Auburn to the late Fred and Libby (Erskine) Zegenfus.

He married Mary Latson on June 12, 1949, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving is one daughter, Beth Zegenfus of Auburn.

One brother, Floyd, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Auburn Masonic Lodge will conduct a service Saturday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley officiating. Burial will

be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society or St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Husband survives

LAGRANGE — Tuesday's obituary for Cleota C. Chrisman, 80, of LaGrange, incorrectly listed her husband, Howard, as preceding her in death. He survives, however. We apologize for the error.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Hazel Adalia Chidester**, 98, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from noon until services.

FORT WAYNE — **David D. Holbert**, 46, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling there 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Chester Tuttle

ANGOLA — Chester V. Tuttle, 89, died Friday at 12:10 a.m. at his home in Angola.

He was an Angola High School graduate and attended Tri-State University. He retired in 1967 from Sheets Oil and Gas, Angola.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Angola United Methodist Men, a charter member of Angola Elks Lodge 2398, and a 50-year member of the Angola Lions Club.

He was a member of the Angola City Council for more than 20 years, retiring in 1972, a member of the Cameron Memorial Community Hospital board of directors, and had served as a Republican precinct committeeman for many years.

He was born Aug. 27, 1906, in Steuben County to Earl and Lula (Cogswell) Tuttle.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mozelle Tuttle, on July 23, 1955; and his second wife, Thelma Tuttle, on June 16, 1988.

On Jan. 1, 1989, he married Martha (Gilbert) Tuttle. She survives him.

He also is survived by two stepsons, Richard Mondhank of Fort Wayne, and Clifton Nilson of Angola; one niece, Betty Meek of Pleasant Lake; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home,

Angola.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. on Monday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola, and the Angola United Methodist Church.

Dorothy Williams

WREN, Ohio — Dorothy M. Williams, 74, died Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Van Wert County Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio. She was stricken with a heart attack Wednesday evening.

She was a homemaker and lived in Wren, Ohio. She attended the Wren United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Williams was born June 22, 1921, in Dull Town in Van Wert County to the late Dewey A. and Myrtle A. (Rumple) Harman.

She married Russell L. Williams on June 13, 1940, in Decatur, and he died Jan. 21, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Donald L. of Waterloo and Gerald E. "Butch" of Van Wert; one daughter, Dixie Lou Werst of Geneva, Ind.; three sisters, Marie Garwood of Vero Beach, Fla., Ruth Abarham of Winter Garden, Fla., and Betty Ralston of Decatur; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Myrtle and Kenneth, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tom Casey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Wren United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Weldon A. Alleshouse**, 85, of Elkhart, died Friday in Elkhart. Visitation 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Services 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Richard F. Sturgis**, 72, of LaGrange, died Thursday at his home. Visitation 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Services 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Ellen B. Osborne**, 81, died Thursday. Services are 3 p.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is at 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Phyllis Mauk

AUBURN — Phyllis L. Mauk, 57, died Saturday morning at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a cafeteria worker at DeKalb High School for 28 years. She lived most of her life in Auburn and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Miss Mauk was born March 29, 1938, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Harold D. and Estelene L. (Brown) Mauk. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters, Ginger D. Dettmer of Auburn and Betty E. Tuggle of Sparta, Tenn.; two nephews, Brad A. Dettmer of Lebanon, Ind., and Aaron M. Tuggle of Fort Benning, Ga.; one niece, Wyneek E. Phillips of Waterloo; and two stepnieces, Debbie Blair of Fort Wayne and Valerie Locbach of Papillion, Neb.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Charles Bell

AUBURN — Charles Junior Bell, 52, died Sunday at 2:40 a.m. in a fire at his home on Lakeshore Avenue, Auburn.

Mr. Bell was born Oct. 21, 1943, in Jonesville, Va., to Jessie and Dorothy (Collins) Bell. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two brothers, Claude and Victor, both of Waterloo; four sisters, Mabel Robbins, Louise Call and Debra Schimpf, all of Waterloo, and Brenda Isley of Auburn; eight nieces, six nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church, County Road 27, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Bergman will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, or the Heart Fund.

Ellen Clark

ANGOLA — Ellen M. Clark, 80, died Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a lifelong Steuben County resident, a homemaker and a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born July 11, 1915, in Steuben County to Charles and Anna Rose (Meyers) Teegardin. On Feb. 7, 1993, she married Chester Clark. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1994.

She is survived by two sons, John Riemke of Kendallville, and James Riemke of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Etta Byrne of California, and Vivian Heiman of LaOtto; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two infant daughters, Patricia Riemke and Rose Riemke; five brothers, Cecil Teegardin, Earl Teegardin, Glenn Teegardin, George Teegardin and Johnny Teegardin; and three sisters, Zelda Chrysler, Helen Cross and her twin sister, Evelyn Cross.

Friends may call Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Teegardin Cemetery, Hamilton. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Community Foundation.

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Evening Star

Ella Gnass

ANGOLA — Ella Gertrude Gnass, 91, died Saturday at 9:10 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

A former resident of Whiting, she was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 6, 1904, in Hammond to Carl and Minna (Pikowski) Ehlert. She married Edward Gnass. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She is survived by one daughter, Lorraine Smith of Angola; two grandchildren, Dale Smith and Bev Van Westen, both of Angola; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Hammond. Pastor Kevin

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Robert Dale Thompson**, 66, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

BLUFFTON — **Eileen E. Compton**, 78, died Saturday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Epworth United Methodist Church, Bluffton. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Amy Emma Mabie**, 78, died Saturday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Elkhart. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Desiree Marie Monroe

GARRETT — Desiree Marie Monroe, 48 days old, died Wednesday at 2:45 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 18 in Auburn to Dawn Monroe of Garrett, who survives.

She also is survived by four grandparents, Tina and Dave Deardorf of Auburn and Ken Jr. and Jodi Myers of Garrett; 11 great-grandparents, Peg and Chuck Yoder of Angola, Mike Mac of Butler, Barb Wood of Waterloo, Ken Sr. and Irene Myers of Garrett, Jennifer and Michael Beebe of Auburn, Larry and Jane Kock of Waterloo and Janice Deardorf of Auburn; four great-great-grandparents, John and Sylvia Myers of Garrett, Lorraine Hines of Auburn and Anna Geisinger of Auburn; six aunts and uncles, Misty Myers of Auburn, Nathan Northouse of Garrett, Jenna Myers and Marissa Myers of Garrett and Jeremy and Melissa Deardorf of Auburn; four great-aunts and five great-uncles.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandfathers, Dale Wood and Richard Deardorf.

Graveside services will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, at 11 a.m. Friday. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the neo-natal intensive care unit of Lutheran Hospital.

Ralph Emrick

ANGOLA — Ralph Lowell Emrick, 79, of Angola died at 10:50 p.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was born near Helmer Feb. 13, 1917, to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. On Feb. 29, 1940, in Butler, he married Mary Longcor. She survives.

Mr. Emrick was a 1936 graduate of Salem Center High School and he attended Indiana University at Fort Wayne. He retired in 1976 from farming near Helmer and moved to Angola. He attended Assembly of God in Angola.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Beth Emrick, at home; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph Alan and Diane Emrick of Hudson; three sisters, Berniece Mirsky of Roswell, N.M., Emogene Sowle and Louise Burkett, both of Kendallville; a brother, Franklin Emrick of Hastings, Minn.; and three grandchildren, Lucas, Clint and Gina Emrick, all of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Georgia Hills.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Assembly of God, 645 N. Ind. 827, Angola, with the Rev. Darold L. Beck officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Assembly of God or Rise Inc.

Deaths/Funerals

Paris 'Bud' Blanton

ASHLEY — Paris "Bud" Blanton, 76, died Thursday at 10:10 a.m. in his home, east of Ashley.

Mr. Blanton retired in 1980 from Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born March 24, 1919, to the late Harry and Cora (Sailor) Blanton in Riceville, Ky.

He married Hazel Marie Baird on May 10, 1946, in Paintsville, Ky. She died March 8, 1983. Six sisters also preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Blanton of Pleasant Lake and Patrick Blanton of Ashley; three daughters, Carolyn Bail of Medicine, Wash. and Rosa Smith and Dawn Myers, both of Pleasant Lake; 12 grandchildren and 13 grandchildren; one brother and four sisters, all of Kentucky, and one sister in Ohio.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Faith Baptist Church of Angola, with the Rev. J. Arnold Fair officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Friends may call one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorial donations may be given to the family in care of Rosie Smith, P.O. Box 197, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779.

Arrangements are being handled by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Thomas McClure

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas Fredric McClure, 86, of Tri Lakes, died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient the past week.

He was born Nov. 26, 1908, in Mandale, Ohio, to John H. and Nora (Nutt) McClure. On June 16, 1931, he married Helen Lucille Coutts. She survives.

Mr. McClure grew up in the New Haven area and was a graduate of Lafayette Center High School. He had lived in Fort Wayne, Garrett and on a farm on the Noble-Whitley County Line before moving to Tri Lakes in 1951. He was retired from General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne with more than 30 years of service. He was a member of Big Lake Church of God, a 37-year member of Tri Lakes Lions Club. He had held all offices in the club and had been awarded one of the highest honors awarded in the Lions Club, "The Melvin Jones Award" on Sept. 6, 1994.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Ed McClure and David R. McClure, both of Columbia City and Thomas Fredrick McClure Jr. of Mayfield, Ky.; four daughters, Mrs. Bob (Delores) Chiddester of Ligonier,

Lillian Jeanne Johnson of Columbia City, Mrs. Ruben (Elaine) Wiemer of Ithaca, N.Y. and Mrs. Thomas (Lynn) Beard of Shafer, Minn.; two sisters, Mildred Grim of Fort Wayne and Buelah Ringwalter of Hudson; a brother, Harry McClure of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 27 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Michael Theodore McClure, three sisters, Etta, Abbie and Betty, and five brothers, Carl, Ed, Charles, Earl and Loyd, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with the Rev. Paul Dreger officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Marcos Saucedo Jr.

AUBURN — Marcos Saucedo Jr., 72, of 519 E. Seventh St., Auburn, died Friday at 11:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he had been a patient for one week.

He was a former maintenance man for five years at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and a former maintenance man for seven years at Essex Wire, Auburn.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mr. Saucedo was born Sept. 5, 1923, in Crystal City, Texas, to Marcos Saucedo Sr. and Adela (Garza) Saucedo, who are deceased.

On Dec. 15, 1949, he married Inez Trevino in San Antonio, Texas, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Roy Saucedo of Auburn; a foster son, José Saucedo of San Antonio, Texas; two foster daughters, Helen Days of Corunna and Nell Kniebeler of Auburn; one brother, José Saucedo of Grandbury, Texas; five sisters, Maria Saucedo of Washington, Rosa Moreno of Crystal City, Texas, Jesua "Tina" Garza of Crystal City, Texas; Paula Garza of Midland, Texas; and Mary Sanchez of Hondo, Texas; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dil-

gard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Monday at 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to masses or the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

John Witham Sr.

LAGRANGE — John E. Witham Sr., 76, died Friday at 2:39 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer and sheep shearer, and also had retired from Spears and Dehner, Fort Wayne. He lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of Solomon Creek United Methodist Church in Benton.

He was born July 31, 1919, in Brown County to the late James E. and Rosabelle (Saunders) Witham.

He married Donnabelle (Lower) Witham on April 16, 1940, in Stroh, and she survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Connie Majors of Bald Knob, Ark., Drema Wood, Donna Diann Witham and Leann O'Quinn, all of LaGrange; Cindy Barrand of Orland, Bobbi Jo Alford of Auburn, and Paula Osburn of Wolcottville; three sons, Nick Witham of LaGrange, John E. Witham Jr. of

Howe, and Terry Witham of Angola; one sister, Mary Weldy of Goshen; one brother, Junior Witham of LaGrange; 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Marsha Stewart, on July 21, 1970, as well as six sisters and five brothers.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

John Ramey

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. — John Ramey, 82, formerly of Kendallville, died Feb. 28 at his home.

The West Virginia native married Corrine Langley in 1952 in DeKalb County. She survives.

He moved to North Fort Myers about 15 years ago, following his retirement.

Other survivors include three grandchildren who resided with him.

He was preceded in death by one daughter.

Funeral services were held in Florida.

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Martin

AVILLA — Betty Mae Martin, 74, died Saturday at 9:20 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Martin was a homemaker and lived in Avilla. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Roseville, Calif.

She was born May 23, 1921, in Sanger, Calif., to the late Walter and Irene (Davis) Herrick.

She married John M. Martin on Aug. 23, 1937, in Reno, Nev., and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, John C. of Las Vegas, Nev., and one daughter, Anne Thomson of Garrett.

One brother, Rollin Herrick, and one sister, Evelyn Herrick, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be conducted at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, Sacramento, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lupus Foundation.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Hazelton

GARRETT — Ruth M. Hazelton, 81, of Garrett died at 12:37 p.m. Friday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was born in Spencerville on Jan. 16, 1915, to Charles R. and Clara (Grill) Krick. On July 1, 1933, in Auburn, she married Virgil L. Hazelton, who preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1986.

Mrs. Hazelton was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Alfred Hazelton of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Glenda Troyer of LaOtto, and Charlene Schmidt of Butler; a sister, Fern Moughler of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Earl Krick, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union

Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Arvin Holland

ANGOLA — Arvin E. Holland, 67, died Sunday at 6:10 a.m. at his home.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired in 1985 after 20 years as a corrections officer at the South Michigan State Prison. He was a farmer and a musician. He owned Holland Homestead for nine years. He was a charter member of the Betzer Community Church, Waldron, Mich. He moved to Angola five years ago from Hillsdale County, Mich.

He was born on Nov. 6, 1928, in Wright Township, near Hillsdale, to Geoffrey and Ivah (Stoltz) Holland.

On July 28, 1973, he married Mary E. (Stayner) Holland. She survives him.

He also is survived by two sons, Brent Holland of West Unity, Ohio, and Bruce Holland of Archbold; three stepsons, Albert Henderson and Billy Henderson, both of Orland and Carl Henderson of Angola; one daughter, Colleen Grisier of Archbold, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Linda Pfafman of LaGrange; six grandchildren, 12 stepgrandchildren, and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Marjorie O'Connor.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Pastor John Sholly and Stephen Leininger will officiate. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to Betzer Community Church, Waldron, Mich.

Elizabeth Harp

EVANSVILLE — Elizabeth A. "Libbie" Harp, 77, died Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in Holiday Care Center at Evansville.

She was a former employee of Reliance Manufacturing Co. and Uniroyal. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She formerly lived in Washington, Ind., and graduated in 1936 from Washington High School.

She was born Aug. 3, 1918, to the late Aloysius M. and Elizabeth (Wichman) Sum.

She married George W. Harp on Nov. 1, 1951, and he died Dec. 11, 1967.

Surviving are two daughters, Geneva M. (Mrs. Larry) Schiffli of Waterloo and Mary Frances (Mrs. Robert) Cockrum of Evansville; and five grandsons, Brandon Cockrum and Ronald, Benjamin, Daniel and Ryan Schiffli.

Two sisters, Mary O. and Theresa Sum, and three brothers, Herman, Leo and Frank Sum, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. in Ed Lee Mortuary. A Christian wake service will be conducted Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the mortuary.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Ronald Zgunda officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery.

Martha Rollins

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Martha E. Rollins, 75, died March 6 in Defiance County.

She was born in Kendallville to Merle D. and Cleah Holcomb, who resided at 820 S. State St. and then 126 S. State St. She was a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Forrest T. Rollins, preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Rollins of Mattawan, Mich., and David Rollins of Auburn; a daughter, Paula Roth of Defiance; a brother, Morton Holcomb of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday in Mast-Mock Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio. Burial was in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance County.

Preferred memorials are to Caring Way Hospice in Defiance County.



Evening Star
Mon., March 11, 1996 (cont.)

Dolores Burnham

HOWE — Dolores Jean Burnham, 66, of Howe died at 6:52 p.m. Sunday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center following a six-month illness.

She was born Dec. 14, 1929, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Gerritt and Bonnie (Workman) Gernaat.

Mrs. Burnham, a homemaker, had lived in Howe seven years, moving from LaGrange. She was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

Surviving are two daughters, Autumn Miller of Kendallville and Rachel Burnham of Auburn; three sons, Jamie Alan Burnham and Duncan Burnham, both of Kendallville, and Blaine Burnham of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Gloria Zuiderman of Portage, Mich.; a half-brother, Gary Gernaat of Texas; and one grandchild.

There will be no visitation or services.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Leona Van Kirk

COLUMBIA CITY — Leona Lucile Van Kirk, 84, of Albion died at 11:04 a.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 1, 1911, in Payne, Ohio, to Charles Edward and Viola S. (Castle) Boyd. On April 28, 1934, in New Haven, she married William Howard Van Kirk. He preceded her in death Nov. 4, 1975.

Mrs. Van Kirk had lived in Payne, Ohio, and Fort Wayne as well as Columbia City. In April 1986, she moved to her apartment in Albion. During World War II she worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne and retired in 1980 as a typist for the Allen County Public Library. She was a 1931 graduate of New Haven High School and Anthony Wayne Business College. She had been a Girl Scout leader and for some time served on the Girl Scouts county board. She was a former member of an extension homemakers' club, serving as president for three years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Cynthia) Feuerbach of Columbia City; a sister, Mrs. John (Mary) Grush of St. Joe; a brother, Clarence E. Boyd of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Tina Hill of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Frederic Ray Geels of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Margaret Eibling; and an infant brother, Joseph Wesley Boyd.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Robert Trueblood of Collins United Methodist Church officiating.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Leona Lucille Van Kirk**, 84, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Tuesday.

AVILLA — **Betty Mae Martin**, 74, died Saturday. Graveside services and burial at a later date in Sacramento, Calif. No local services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Gertrude L. Probst**, 92, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **John C. "Jack" Wittkopf**, 46, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Joe Huth**, 16, died Saturday in a one-car accident. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Frieda A. Orr**, 94, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling two hours before services.



Deaths/Funerals

Bernice Sonner

ANGOLA — Bernice M. Sonner, 90, died Sunday at 9:30 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born Feb. 1, 1906, in Wabash to Andrew and Anna (Rupley) Leland. She married Ervin Sonner and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1965.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Sonner of Atlanta, Ga.; three daughters, Evelyn Sonner, Lois Harter and Sue Fraley, all of Angola; two sisters, Louise Sailor and Marion Mendenhall, both of Wabash; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, two brothers, four sisters and a grandson.

There will be no calling.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in South Scott Cemetery. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate, with burial to follow.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Laura Allgier

AUBURN — Laura Allgier, 80, died Monday at 8 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a clerk for 20 years in the National 5- and 10-cent Store in Auburn, retiring in 1977. She lived on Ontario Lane, Auburn, and was a member of the Newville Church of Christ.

Mrs. Allgier was born Aug. 5, 1915, in Newville to the late Chub and Kate (Stanford) Richmond. Her husband, William, died in 1981.

Surviving her are one sister, Blanch Goe of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

Seven sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

There will be no calling or service. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shriners Hospital, Chicago.

Kathleen Warstler

BUTLER — Kathleen Marie Warstler, 64, died March 3 at 6:25 p.m. in Mesa General Hospital, Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. Warstler was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born Jan. 18, 1932, in Paulding, Ohio, to the late Wayne and Dorothy (Fisher) Fogle.

She married James F. Warstler on June 25, 1950, at her parents' rural Auburn home, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Debbie Miller of Butler, Sandy Miller of Spencerville, and Pam Mason of Auburn; one son, Randy of Butler; one sister, Mary Ann Carper of Spencerville; three half-sisters, Shirley Clark of Bryan, Ohio, Carolyn Vinson of St. Joe, and Rita Sebring of Waterloo; two half-brothers, Richard Fogle and Ronald Fogle, both of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother, Helen Fogle; a brother, Delbert Fogle; and a granddaughter, Amanda Price.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling at the church after 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 720 Martz Drive, Indian Terrace Villa 2, Auburn, IN 46706 or the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Beau Ora Bacon

BUTLER — Infant Beau Ora Bacon, age 34 days, died Monday at 6:25 a.m. in Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

He was born Feb. 6, 1996, in Auburn to Brent and Susan (McDaniel) Bacon. They survive in rural Butler.

Also surviving are one brother, Brandon, at home; his grandparents, Donna and Howard McDaniel of Auburn and Mona and Bill Teegardin of Auburn; his great-grandmother, Florence Bassett of Auburn; and his great-grandfather, Don Bacon of Hamilton.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. David Maish of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to Ronald McDonald House, Indianapolis.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Robert C. "Bob" Hanlon, 71, died March 5. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — John R. Mills, 77, died Friday. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. No calling.



Deaths/Funerals

Charles Metcalf

COLDWATER, Mich. — Charles Houlton Metcalf, 83, died Sunday in Bay Area Medical Center at Corpus Christi, Texas.

He formerly lived in Hamilton and moved to Coldwater in 1983. He was a retired farmer and maintained the family farm in Indiana. He graduated from Butler High School in 1931. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge in Quincy, Mich., and formerly in Hamilton.

Mr. Metcalf was born Jan. 22, 1913, in Edgerton, Ohio, to the late George R. and Nancy E. (Houlton) Metcalf.

He married Marie Wynkoop on Dec. 1, 1936, in Monticello, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Treva and David DeWitt of Rome City, and Janet and Phil McKee of Bend, Ore.; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Debby Metcalf of Ashley; three grandchildren, Brian and Kyle Metcalf, and Kelli DeWitt; and two stepgrandchildren, Jeremy Hollar and David Jon Kurtz.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, one sister and one brother.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Diederich-White Funeral Home, Quincy, Mich.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Harold North officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the I.O.O.F. Lodge or the Public Broadcasting System.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Deller

ANGOLA — Helen A. Deller, 83, died Tuesday at 9:40 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital's emergency room, Angola.

She lived almost all her life in Angola and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 14, 1912, in Butler to Frank and Alma (Love) Snyder. On Jan. 17, 1931, she married Herschell B. Deller. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1983.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Deller of Angola; one daughter, Deanna K. Deller of Angola; one sister, Ruth Heffley of Auburn; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be conducted at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Ottyce Coon

HARTFORD CITY — Ottyce L. (Osborne) Coon, 81, died Tuesday at 9:12 a.m. in Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City, where she had been a patient since March 7.

She was a former employee of Montgomery Ward and other retail positions, and was an Avon saleswoman for 15 years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Mount Carmel Home Demonstration Club, and the Omega Nu Tau Sorority. She was a lifetime Blackford County resident and was a 1932 graduate of Hartford City High School.

She was born Oct. 3, 1914, in Blackford County to the late Sylvester E. and Eva (Hershey) Johnson.

She married Samuel H. Coon on Dec. 24, 1968, in Bryan, Texas, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Pamela Vanderbeke of Auburn, Karen Sharp of Muncie and Tonya Morin of Pittsford, N.Y.; one son, Michael Osborne of Adrian, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Waters Funeral Home, Hartford City.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Evening Star

Wed, March 13, 1996 (cont'd)

Lester Hurd

OTTAWA, Ohio — Lester Robert Hurd, 72, died Monday in Hometown Nursing Home in Ottawa, Ohio.

Mr. Hurd was a self-employed carpenter and a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He moved to Fort Wayne in 1946, then to Angola, and then to Bryan, Ohio in 1986. He formerly lived in the Oakwood Trailer Park in Bryan.

He was born Sept. 17, 1923, in East Douglas, Mass., to the late Harry and Delia (Catudal) Hurd.

Surviving are two brothers, H. Everett of Johnston, R.I., and Ray L. of Westport, Mass., and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Carl W., preceded him in death.

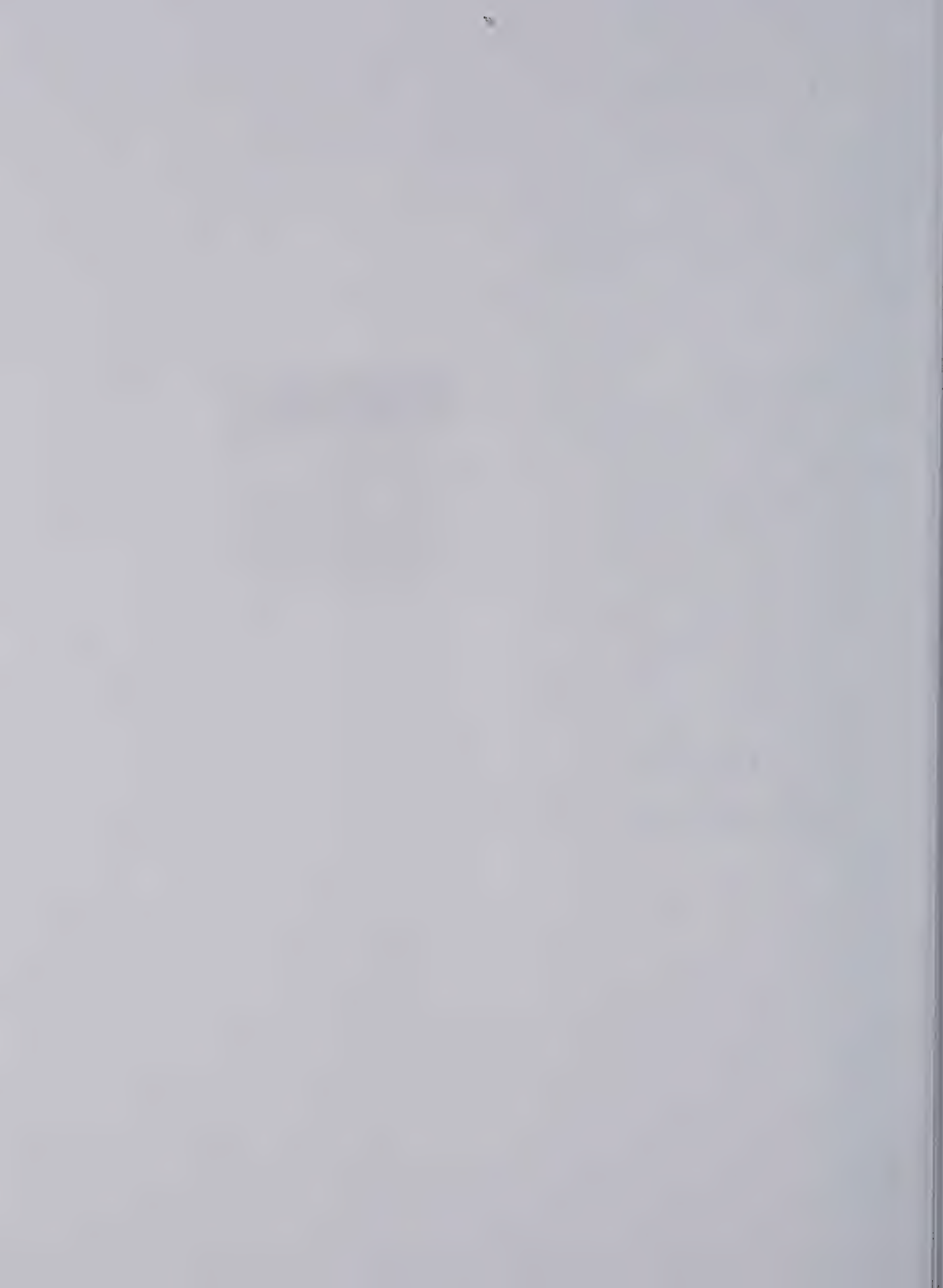
Memorial services will be conducted at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Jean Micky (Winesburg) Eby, 52, died March 4. Memorial services were held March 7 in Sarasota, Fla.

ALBION — Delbert J. Fought, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.



Deaths/Funerals

Edna Layman

AUBURN — Edna G. Layman, 92, died Wednesday at 7:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, where she had resided since 1981.

A homemaker, she had lived on East Nineteenth Street in Auburn and was a lifetime DeKalb County resident.

Mrs. Layman was born Jan. 22, 1904, in Butler to the late Charles E. and Louisa (Mark) Hook.

She married Guy Layman on June 30, 1937, in Auburn, and he died Feb. 19, 1985.

Surviving is one sister, Woneta Hook of Auburn.

One brother, Walter, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Alan L. Gibson, pastor of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Betty Moore

HAMILTON — Betty Moore, 74, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She lived in Fort Wayne and was a former Hamilton resident.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Mae Wolfe

WATERLOO — Mae Belle Wolfe, 65, died Wednesday at 11:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived on County Road 51, Waterloo.

Mrs. Wolfe was born May 28, 1930, in Garrett to the late John and Madelyn (Moses) Myers.

She married Bill L. Wolfe on June 26, 1948, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald L. of Waterloo and Timothy

L. of Butler; one daughter, Linda M. Shaffer of Hamilton; one sister, Beverly Babbitt of Garrett; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, David, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Bill Lyne of Auburn Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana Kidney Foundation.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — Trena F. Stringfellow, 51, died Wednesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville. Calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jane Witwer

WILMINGTON, Del. — Jane Osburn Witwer, 91, died at 4 a.m. Thursday at Stonegates Nursing Home, Wilmington, Del., after a short illness.

Mrs. Witwer was born in Owosso, Mich., July 9, 1904, to Joseph Carlos Osburn and Grace Woodard Osburn. Her great-grandfather was Judge Amos Gould, Owosso's first mayor.

After attending Owosso High School, where she was a friend of presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey, she was graduated from Rosemary Hall boarding school in Greenwich, Conn., and, in 1927, from Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

On March 10, 1928, she married Mohler Studebaker Witwer. After a six-month honeymoon in Europe, the couple lived in South Bend, Ind. Mr. Witwer died in November 1981.

She was a member of the Junior League of South Bend, the South Bend Literary Club, the South Bend Country Club, the Signal Point Country Club of Niles, Mich., and the Black Box Theater, where she performed many leading roles in the 1930s. In later years she traveled extensively and created the dialogue for the travelogues she and her husband produced.

Mrs. Witwer lived at the South Bend home she and her husband had built at 3015 Robinhood Lane in 1930. She died at Stonegates Nursing Home, near her daughter, Mrs. Richard (Violette Witwer) Sutton.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Witwer leaves a son, George Osburn Witwer of Kendallville, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Witwer will be interred beside her husband at Riverview Cemetery in South Bend. Graveside services will be scheduled later this year.

Preferred memorials are to the Northern Indiana Historical Society, South Bend.

Betty Moore

HAMILTON — Betty J. Moore, 74, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She formerly lived at 108 Depot Place, Hamilton. She was a nurse at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne for 20 years.

She was born Nov. 11, 1921, in Hamilton to the late Eugene H. and Mary M. (Miller) Till.

She married Robert Aaron John Moore on Feb. 7, 1945, in Auburn and he died in 1989.

Surviving are one son, Bob of Indianapolis; two sisters, Jeanette Nelson of Homer, Mich., and Kathryn Williamson of Angola; one granddaughter, Marcie Moore of Indianapolis; and several nieces.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Till, and one sister, Helen Cox.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel, with David Payne officiating. Friends may call one hour before the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Victor Walter

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — Victor M. Walter, 66, died Monday at Brooksville Regional Hospital.

Mr. Walter was a biologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Born in Auburn, he moved to Florida about 17 years ago from Bainbridge, Ind. He was a member of the Bainbridge United Methodist Church, Ox Five Pioneer Flying Club, Elks Lodge 2582 in Brooksville, the Bainbridge Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite of Wabash.

Surviving him is his wife, Vada.

The National Cremation Society, Brooksville, is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Barnette

HAMILTON — Betty Jane Barnette, 72, died Thursday evening in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Barnette formerly resided at 7395 S. Enterprise Drive, Hamilton. She retired from Raymond in Crawfordsville, and after retirement worked part-time at Harger's Meats in Hamilton. She was a member of the Wesleyan

Church in Hamilton.

She was born Feb. 21, 1924, in Wallace, Ind., to Albert and Bertha (Corbin) Davidson.

Surviving are one son, James of Kamela, Hawaii, and his wife, Lori; two daughters, Mrs. Rick (Rita) Webster of Darlington, Ind., and Mrs. Brent (Marlene) Ewen of Hamilton; one brother, Jim Davidson of El Paso, Texas; two sisters, Joan Nicoson and Kathryn Melvin, both of Crawfordsville; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Donald Davidson; and one sister, Maxine Davidson.

Services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Wesleyan Church of Hamilton.

Services also will take place Monday at 2 p.m. in the Woodland Heights Christian Church, Crawfordsville, with the Rev. Larry Fegenhauer officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Wallace Lutheran Cemetery at Wallace.

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Evening Star

Helen Shepherd

WILLARD, Ohio — Helen L. Shepherd, 68, died Wednesday afternoon in Bellevue Hospital following a brief illness.

She was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in Willard.

She was born Oct. 2, 1927 in Willard to George and Wynona (Strickfaden) Judson. Her mother, Wynona Reese, survives in Garrett, and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are her husband, Arnold Shepherd; three daughters, Anita Heyman of Garrett, and Kathy Noble and Lorna Thornsberry, both of Willard; two sons, Neal Render of Garrett and Donald Shepherd of Plymouth, Ohio; one brother, Kenneth Judson of Garrett; two sisters, Georgette Russell of Angola and Dorothy Brown of Garrett; 13 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Render; a son, Thomas Shepherd; and two sisters, Margaret and Lucille Trushel.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Willard Home of Lindsey Funeral Directors, 323 Myrtle Ave., Willard.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Bailey of Eternal Life Tabernacle officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard.

Harold Smalley

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Harold W. Smalley, 72, died Thursday at 2:45 p.m. in Fountain Manor Care

Center, Hicksville, where he had lived for the past 5 1/2 years.

Mr. Smalley retired from McDonald Hardware in 1969. He graduated from Paulding High School with the class of 1941. He was a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ.

He was born June 6, 1923, in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late Homer and Lydia (Zartman) Smalley.

He married Betty Brown on July 25, 1947, in Hicksville, and she died Jan. 2, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter, Brenda Hablawetz, and two sons, Keith and Dean, all of Hicksville; two sisters, Ruth Kempfer of Findlay, Ohio, and Ethel Fields of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Monday after 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday after 8 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Ministers Ken Wellman and Lloyd Turnbull will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hicksville First Church of Christ.

Charles Metcalf

COLDWATER, Mich. — A survivor was omitted from the obituary for Charles Houlton Metcalf that appeared in Wednesday's edition.

Malachi Metcalf, a grandson, is a survivor of Mr. Metcalf 83, who died Sunday in Bay Area Medical Center at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Kevin L. Bowser, 34, of Howe, died Wednesday in an auto accident. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — Russell Haley, 60, died Wednesday. Memorial services at a later date.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lenore Yerden

AUBURN — Lenore Evelyn Yerden, 71, died Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a native of Oklahoma City and spent most of her adult life in Allegan, Mich. She moved to Lakeland, Fla., in 1979 and in December 1995 moved to Auburn to be with her daughter.

She was a homemaker and a member of the South Lakeland Church of God, Florida.

She was born Dec. 19, 1924, to Glen and Gladys Hazelrigg, who are deceased.

On June 13, 1943, she married Maurice R. Yerden in Allegan, Mich., and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kay A. Kruse of Auburn and Constance M. Yonus of Bloomington; a son, Frank M. Yerden of Vancouver, Wash.; a brother, Burke B. Hazelrigg of Allegan, Mich., 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and her mother-in-law, Elsie M. Yerden of Allegan, Mich.

Two sisters, Miriam Brownell and Elaine Chan, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, rural Auburn, with Pastor Al Black of the County Line Church of God and Mrs. Yerden's son, Frank M. Yerden, officiating.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, or Tuesday one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

James Marks

ANGOLA — James W. Marks, 77, died Friday at 4:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Marks was a retired setup machinist. He was a member of the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars; a past department sergeant of arms of the American Legion, State of Indiana; a member and past commander of the Orland American Legion Post 423; and past commander of the 4th District American Legion.

He was born July 21, 1918, in Abilene, Texas, to Peter and Rosa Marks.

On July 2, 1960, he married Doris (Solliday) Marks. She survives him.

He also is survived by one son, James R. Marks of Fayetteville, N.C.; one daughter, Cathy Marks of Atlanta; one sister, Betty Ann Daughtry of North Liberty, and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military rites.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Heart Fund.

Ruby L. Imhof

WATERLOO — Ruby L. (Rosenbury) Imhof, 95, died Thursday at 10:45 p.m. in Windemere Nursing Home in West Bloomfield, Mich.

She was a former resident of Waterloo and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the Waterloo Eastern Star.

She was born May 29, 1900, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Jonathan and Julie Etta (Robinett) Rosenbury. On Nov. 23, 1919, she married Ray Imhoff in Bryan, Ohio. He preceded her in death on March 16, 1968.

She is survived by one daughter, Ruth Littleton of Birmingham, Mich.; three grandchildren, David Little-

ton of Orchard Lake, Mich., Carol Beeskow of Farmington Hill, Mich., and Ann Gessert of Okemos, Mich.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Betty Barnette

HAMILTON — Funeral services for Betty Jane Barnette, 72, will be conducted at the Hamilton Wesleyan Church at 4 p.m. Sunday. Friends may call from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the church. The funeral location has been changed from a previous announcement.

Harold Sellers

COLDWATER, Mich. — Harold R. Sellers, 89, died Thursday at 11:15 p.m. at his home in Kinderhook Township, Mich.

Mr. Sellers was a farmer, and was named the 1954 Outstanding Farmer of Branch County, Mich. He had been a member of the Farm Bureau since 1940; a Northwest Ohio Milk Marketing board member; a board of directors member of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance of Branch County, Mich.; past president of the Kinderhook School District 2 school board; Kinderhook Township supervisor; a Branch-County Michigan road commissioner for 12 years; and a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church, Fremont, since 1930.

He was born Nov. 2, 1906 in Steuben County to George and Lydia (Showalter) Sellers. On Dec. 7, 1932 he married Vesta Mae (Smith) Sellers. She survives him.

He is also survived by two sons, Graham (and wife Jean) Sellers of Coldwater, Mich., and Marshall (and wife Peggy) Sellers of Bristol; one daughter, Lorna (and husband Donald) VanMeter of Albany; one brother, Warren Sellers of Brunswick, Ga.; four sisters, Mildred Hogg, Helen Stickler and Marian Foltz, all of Orland, and Pauline Eyer of Sebring, Fla.; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fremont United Methodist Church. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in Munday Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Sat., March 16, 1996 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

ELKHART — Clara E. "Pat" Hayes, 70, of Elkhart, a former Kendallville resident, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Machledt and Services Funeral Home, Waveland, Ind., with calling there from noon to 2 p.m. Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Flossie Gottschalk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Flossie Mae Gottschalk, 83, died Saturday at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

She was born Sept. 29, 1912, in Branch County, Algansee Township, Mich., to Earl and Pearl (Zimmerman) Smith.

On Nov. 29, 1934, in Quincy, Mich., she married Marlin Gottschalk, who preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1975.

Mrs. Gottschalk, a Coldwater resident, had lived all her life in Branch County. She was a 1931 graduate of Quincy High School and Branch County Normal School in 1932. She taught in a rural school at Algansee Center and worked at the Pine Island restaurant for 15 years.

She and her husband operated Gottschalk Bait and Tackle shop for 14 years. She also was a member of the Kinderhook Community Church and Ladies League and a member of the Coldwater Senior Citizens.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Joe (Marilyn) Otis of Coldwater, Mrs. Fred (Darlene) Loetz of Sturgis, Mich., and Mrs. John (Sheila) Potts of Angola; two sons, Darryl Gottschalk of Sturgis, and Jerry Gottschalk of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandchildren.

Visitation is today from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater. Services are Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Don Meyers of the Calvary Lutheran Church of Angola officiating. Burial will be at Knauss Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society are requested.

May Sketchley

BUTLER — May E. Sketchley, 94, died Sunday at 11:45 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

She formerly lived on Walnut Street, Butler. She retired in 1964 with 22 years of service from Rieke Corp., Auburn. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

Mrs. Sketchley was born Feb. 26, 1902, in Thayer County, Neb., to the late Henry and Lizzy (Schroder) Knappe.

She married Henry Willard in September 1924, and he died in July 1948. She then married William Sketchley in December 1950, and he died in October 1954.

Surviving are one daughter, Alice Henderson of Waterloo; two daughters-in-law, Phyllis Willard of Butler and Betty Willard of Winchester, Va.; two brothers, Ernest Knappe of Lincoln, Neb., and Edward Knappe of Phillipsburg, Kan.; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Willard and John Willard, five brothers, and four sisters.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dale Rabineau of the Butler Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Area Deaths

ALBION — Janet Brazzell, 64, licensed funeral director and co-owner of Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, died Saturday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — Audrey C. (Kitchen) Fogle, 62, died Saturday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. Calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., and one hour before services at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond A. Rensberger, 93, died Friday at home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-7 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Richard Walter Brahm, 73, died Friday. Graveside services at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City. No calling. Memorial services at a later date in Greenwich, Conn.

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul Elwood Rubrake, 39, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — Ralph Edward Lehman, 57, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

NEW HAVEN — Albert A. Wyss, 93, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Tuesday in Marquart & Jacobs Funeral Home, Monroeville, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Luella Gurtner

WATERLOO — Luella M. Gurtner, 87, died Tuesday at 12:18 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A homemaker, she lived on State Road 427, Waterloo. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and Extension Homemakers. She was a Franklin Township 4-H leader for several years.



Luella Gurtner

Mrs. Gurtner served as president of the DeKalb County Council on Aging and its Heimach Senior Center for nine years, the only woman to serve in that office.

She was born Aug. 8, 1908, in DeKalb County to the late John W. and Cloe Mae (Mortorff) Duncan.

She married Bruce Gurtner on Sept. 19, 1931, in Hamilton, and he died Nov. 27, 1988.

Surviving are three sons, John David of Waterloo, Donald E. of Fremont, and Larry Lee of Auburn; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One daughter and three brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Mr. Mark Gurtner officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or the Heimach Senior Center.

Martha Miller

AUBURN — Martha L. Miller, 62, died Monday at 3:50 a.m. in her vacation home at North Fort Myers, Fla.

She was a homemaker and retired as a lab tester from Philips Technologies of Auburn. An Auburn resident, she lived most of her life in DeKalb County.

Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 22, 1934, in McGuffie, Ohio, to the late Pearl and Emma Jordan.

She married Harold A. Miller on July 3, 1969, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Larry D. Evans of Waterloo, Rodney R. Evans of Hamilton, Job S. Evans of Warsaw, Reggie P. Evans of Angola, and Paul L. Evans of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Penny D. Wolf of Garrett and Patsy M. Forris of Sacramento; three stepdaughters, Sandy Jarnagin and Linda Carnahan, both of Auburn, and Judy Smith of Cape Coral, Fla.; five brothers, Clayton, Calvin, Dick, Lyman and Joe Jordan, all of Ohio; two sisters, Kathleen Paugh and Barbara Womack, both of Ohio; 29 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Alan L. Gibson, associate pastor of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Eddy Orris

HAMILTON — Eddy C. Orris, 81, died Tuesday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. He was a former Hamilton resident.

Arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Edith Onstott

COLDWATER, Mich. — Edith M. Onstott, 77, died Tuesday morning at Carriage Inn Convalescent

Center in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a homemaker and a graduate of St. Joe High School. She had lived in Coldwater since 1966.

Mrs. Onstott was born March 17, 1919, in Rockport, Ohio, to the late Walter Henry and Ellen (Van Meter) Stewart.

She married Kenneth A. Onstott on March 14, 1938, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Rose Collier of Houston, Texas; two sons, Kenneth of Coldwater and Dennis of Houston; and seven sisters, Cora Clark of Angola, Mary Rectenwall, Dorothy Markle and Connie Miles, all of Spencerville, Anne Miller of Terrell, N.C., Gladys Akey of St. Joe, and Audra Michael of Bowling Green, Ky.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Matt Hagle officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Dennis Akey

SPENCERVILLE — Dennis Alan Akey Sr., 40, died Tuesday morning in Spencerville. He was a construction worker.

He was born Aug. 27, 1955, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Akey Jr. of Spencerville; his father, Glen Akey of Spencerville; his mother and stepfather, Lois (Kimes) and William Shull of Butler; a brother, Brent Akey of Spencerville; a sister, Lona Eichel of Auburn; and a grandson, Trey Akey of Spencerville.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery, Leo.

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Evening Star

Ruth Kurtz

ANGOLA — Ruth "Granny" Elizabeth Kurtz, 80, died at 6:45 p.m. Monday in her daughter's home.

A graduate of Flint High School, she was a 50-year member of the Orland Eastern Star; a 50-year member of the Millgrove Modern Homemakers; and a member of Flint United Methodist Church.

She was born on May 7, 1915, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, to Samuel and Leona (Hay) Bowerman. On Aug. 12, 1935, she married August Kurtz. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1969.

She is survived by two sons, August "Bud" Kurtz Jr., of Angola, and Larry Kurtz of Orland; one daughter, Diane Rumsey of Orland; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Bowerman.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. An Eastern Star service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services begin at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Pastor Steven Brittenham will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Marilyn Dircksen

AUBURN — Marilyn V. "Peg" Dircksen, 60, died Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. in her Auburn home.

She was a nurse at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Parish Council, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Brownies, Tri Kappa, Home & School Association, DeKalb County Extension Homemakers Chorus, and Band Parents.

She was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Xenia, Ohio, to the late William and Virginia (Kinsey) Neeld.

She married Dr. Richard Dircksen on Sept. 1, 1956, in Xenia, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Dr. Andrew Dircksen of Auburn, Eric Dircksen of Washington, D.C., and David Dircksen of Wabash; four daughters, Patricia "Trish" Kluesling of Wolf Lake, Mich., Karen Theil and Krista Jefferies, both of Fort Wayne, and Jane Dircksen of Chevy Chase, Md.; three brothers, Tom Neeld of Xenia, Richard Neeld of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Bob Neeld of Chillicothe, Ohio; two sisters, Nancy Nickel of Laurel, Md., and Linda Nahren of Clearwater, Fla.

A private memorial service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at a later date. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to Garret Hospital Aid Foundation or St. Joseph Catholic School.

Michael DePew

AUBURN — Michael L. "Mike" DePew, 53, died Monday at 6:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a factory worker for 35 years at Dana Corp., Fort Wayne. He lived in Auburn most of his life and was a 1960 Auburn High School graduate.

Mr. DePew was born Aug. 24, 1942 in Garrett to Edward and Doris (Refner) DePew. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

He married Kay Frank on Oct. 12, 1992, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Lori L. DePew of Avilla; two brothers, Steve and Tom, both of Auburn; a granddaughter, Carmelita, and a grandson, Jade Michael.

One brother, David, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. James Welch, pastor of Auburn Alliance Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Margaret Potter

AUBURN — Margaret R. Potter, 91, died Wednesday at 6:22 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Auburn. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Mrs. Potter was born Jan. 22, 1905, in Auburn to the late Hardy and Goldie (Diehl) Myers.

She married Forrest A. Potter on Dec. 23, 1923, in Auburn, and he died March 6, 1952.

Surviving are four daughters, Jane E. Potter, Jean E. Potter, Janet A. Potter and Barbara Capen, all of Auburn; one brother, William R. Myers of Auburn; two sisters, Joan Knepper and Mary L. Coyle, both of Auburn; and one granddaughter, Mary Ann McClain of Nederland, Texas.

One brother, Donald, and one sister, Betty Grosh, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held Friday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Harvey Huntley will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There is no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Orris Eddy

HAMILTON — Orris C. Eddy, 81, died Tuesday evening in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was owner of Eddy Hardware Store in Hamilton for over 30 years, a truck driver for the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, and a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ. He formerly lived on South Wayne St., Hamilton.

Mr. Eddy was born Jan. 16, 1915, in DeKalb County to the late Guy C. and Mamie Belle (McClellan) Eddy.

He married Lois Janette Wise on Nov. 13, 1938, in DeKalb County, and she died in 1975.

Surviving are one son, Nelson C. of Hamilton; three daughters, Roma Lee Entenman of Edgerton, Ohio, Latrielle Wheat of Angola, and Elizabeth Rhonda Eddy of Charlotte, N.C.; one sister, Lucile Olds of Butler, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, LaDeane Orris Eddy, one daughter, Sheryl Lanette Eddy, and

one brother, Willard O. Eddy.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Michael Fiedler

GRABILL — Michael D. Fiedler, 41, died Wednesday at his home on Cuba Road, Grabill.

He was a social studies teacher at Eastside High School in Butler and the head baseball coach, with over 200 career wins. He was also an assistant coach and defensive coordinator for the Eastside football team. He was a lifelong resident of Allen County.

He coached the North team in the 1994 North-South all-star baseball game, and was named Coach of the Year in 1986 on the Evening Star's All-Area Baseball Team. He was a member of the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Mr. Fiedler was born Jan. 23, 1955, in Allen County to Kenneth and Loretta Fiedler. They survive in Woodburn.

Also surviving are his wife, Debra; two sons, Garth and Dane, both at home; three brothers, Keith of Carmel, and Rick and Kevin, both of Woodburn; and his grandmother, Melinda Fiedler of Woodburn.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Inc. or to the Fiedler children.

Dennis Akey Sr.

SPENCERVILLE — Dennis Alan Akey Sr., 40, died Tuesday morning in Spencerville. He was a construction worker.

He was born Aug. 27, 1955, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Akey Jr. of Spencerville; his father, Glen Akey of Spencerville; his

mother and stepfather, Lois (Kimes) and William Shull of Butler; a brother, Brent Akey of Spencerville; a sister, Lona Eichel of Auburn; and a grandson, Trey Akey of Spencerville; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kimes Sr., of Auburn; one stepbrother, Scott Shull of Wolcottville, and two stepsisters, Sandra Kinzer of Auburn and Shannon Koch of Butler.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery, Leo.

Charlie Poe

COLUMBIA CITY — Charlie Claude Poe, 91, died Tuesday in The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City.

He was born Sept. 18, 1904, in Tullahoma, Tenn., to Charlie L. and Hattie (Stafford) Poe. On Aug. 6, 1929, he married Lela J. Nail. She survives.

Mr. Poe grew up in Tennessee and graduated from high school there. He then moved to Indiana where he resided in Fort Wayne, Salamonie and Churubusco. In 1954 he moved to Smith Township, Whitley County. He was a General Electric retiree with 30 years of service. He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are six daughters, Carol Frazier of LaPorte, Doris Johns of Spring Lake, Mich., Vera Gross of Churubusco, Marilyn Gross of LaOtto, Elaine Zolman of Fort Wayne, and Sue Claxton of Fort Wayne; a son, Richard Poe of Angola; 23 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ethel Stewart of New Haven and Verna Long of Portland; and two half-sisters, Rubye Riddle of Tullahoma, and Ruth Hileyard of Orlando, Fla.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dennis Shock and the Rev. Darrell Taggart officiating. Burial will be in New Haven IOOF Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Ronald Grueb

AUBURN — Ronald E. Grueb, 59, died Thursday at 9:28 a.m. in his Auburn home. He lived in Auburn for 15 years.

He was born July 17, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Robert E. and Ruth E. (Lallow) Grueb. His father survives in Fort Wayne and his mother is deceased.

He married his wife, Judith K., on March 21, 1992, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Diane K. Buffenbarger of Fort Wayne and Laura A. Laulbacher of Canton, Ohio; two sisters, Barbara Grueb of Fort Wayne and Janet Kruse of Batesville; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor James Cress officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Martha Potter

EDGERTON, Ohio — Martha F. Potter, 38, died Wednesday at 8:43 a.m. shortly after admittance to Community Hospital of Williams County in Montpelier, Ohio. She suffered an apparent heart attack while returning home from work.

She was an employee of Beam Stream in Montpelier, and a crafter well-known at area craft shows. She lived in Edgerton, Ohio, and attended the Auburn Missionary Church.

She was a 1976 graduate of Plainwell High School in Plainwell, Mich., and attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Potter was born Feb. 12, 1958, in Kalamazoo to Noel and Margaret (O'Brien) Johnson. They survive in Kalamazoo.

She married Daniel B. Potter on June 10, 1978, in Plainwell, and he survives.

Also surviving are five children, Stephen B., Matthew P., Luke D., Sarah J. and Lydia H., all at home; two brothers, David Johnson of Allegan, Mich., and Mark Johnson of Kalamazoo; three sisters, Mary Pascke of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Patty Johnson of Otsego, Mich., and Evelyn Nally of Kalamazoo.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Edgerton Church of Christ, with the Edgerton Ministerial Association officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to a trust fund for the Potter children.

LaVon Richmond

COLDWATER, Mich. — LaVon Richmond, 82, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at his home in Coldwater.

He was a farmer.

He was born on Dec. 11, 1913, in St. Joe to Jesse M. and Hazel (Kellerman) Richmond. He married Connie Richmond and she preceded him in death.

He is survived by one son, Jerry Richmond of Coldwater; one daughter, Mrs. James (Evelyn) Kolb of Port Charlotte, Fla.; three brothers, Jack Richmond of Hicksville, Ohio, Harold Richmond of Jupiter, Fla., and Kenneth Richmond of St. Joe; a special friend, Marilyn Seitz of Coldwater; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services start at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. The Rev. Jack Jenkins will officiate. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to Branch County Hospice.

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Daniel Carl Strong

HUDSON — Daniel Carl Strong, 33, died at 2 a.m. on Wednesday.

He was a laborer at Jackson and Company Scrap Metal, Pleasant Lake.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1962, in Marshall, Mich., to Hershel and Laura (Krontz) Strong, Angola. They survive him. He was married to Janie (Anspaugh) Strong. She survives him in Stroh.

He is also survived by one son, Michael Strong, and one daughter, Laura Lee Strong, both at home in Stroh; four brothers, Richard Baad of Mattawan, Mich., Steven Strong of Clear Lake, Douglas Strong of Kalkaska, Mich., and Eric Strong of Angola; and two sisters, Pamela Allison of San Antonio, Texas, and Sarah Strong of Angola.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Strong, in 1960.

There is no visitation.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook, Mich.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family in care of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Strong, Angola.

Ruth Dospoy

ANGOLA — Ruth L. Dospoy, 76, died at 9:50 p.m. on Thursday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born on July 21, 1919, in Branch County, Mich., to Carl and Hazel (Lewis) Davis. She married her husband of 35 years, Daniel Dospoy, and became a homemaker. He survives her.

She is also survived by one son, Blaine Shoup of Angola; one half-brother, Robert Davis of Fremont; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call on Saturday from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. The Rev. Marcus Proehl and Rev. Ken Butz will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Francis M Harter Sr., 87, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Margie Suntken

HAMILTON — Margie Ann Suntken, 66, died Saturday morning in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Suntken formerly lived on Cameron Drive, Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Steuben County Extension Homemakers, Butler Eagles Auxiliary, Butler American Legion Auxiliary, and Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

She was born Dec. 4, 1929, in Montpelier, Ohio. Her parents were Seithel Light and Nina Ann (Beck) Light Steele, both now deceased.

She married Edward A. Suntken on July 1, 1950, in Angola, and he survives.

Surviving are one son, Thomas E. of Hamilton; two daughters, Kathleen Merillat of West Unity, Ohio; and Sandra Keller of Edon, Ohio; one brother, Louis Light of Montpelier; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Justin Suntken, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association, Angola chapter.

Everett Quinn

AUBURN — Everett Leroy "Shorty" Quinn, 71, died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. in Meadowhaven Healthcare Center, Butler.

Mr. Quinn retired from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, in 1986. He lived on South Dallas Street in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Nov. 29, 1924, in Columbia City to the late Dewey and Ethel (Dukes) Quinn.

He married Virginia Marks on Sept. 22, 1987, in Auburn, and she died Dec. 5, 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Dewey of Auburn and Jeff of Palmetto, Fla.; one daughter, Jane Tackles of Garrett; one brother, Charles of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One daughter, Mary Lou Quinn, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Alan Gibson of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of Dewey Quinn, P.O. Box 265, Auburn, IN 46706.

Keith Heffelfinger

GARRETT — Keith M. Heffelfinger, 79, died Sunday at 5:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Heffelfinger had been a conductor and brakeman for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

He was born Sept. 19, 1916, in Garrett to the late Artemus W. and Mary E. (Hollopeter) Heffelfinger.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; three sons, Keith J. of Churubusco, David of Denver, and Mark of Milwaukee; one daughter, Mary Wessel of Austin, Texas; one sister, Betty Bell of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Taft, and four sisters, Marie Tucker, Iva Potter, Vonell Gump and Laura Amstutz.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with calling after 12:30 p.m. Pastor Thomas Speidel will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Lawrence Addis

ALBION — Lawrence M. Addis, 93, of Albion died at 7:25 p.m. Saturday in Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

He was born in Noble Township, Noble County on June 10, 1902, to Albert and Mary (Huff) Addis. On Feb. 23, 1927, in Albion, he married Cleo Birch. She preceded him in death in 1958. On May 5, 1966, in Wolf Lake he married Hazel Haas. She preceded him in death in 1970.

Mr. Addis, a lifetime Noble County resident, was a self-employed farmer, retiring in 1957. He was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Edna Wood of Auburn, and Mabel Guthrie of Avilla.

One sister preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Christian Chapel Cemetery with the Rev. F. Franklin Orr officiating.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home in Albion.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Carolyn S. Hobrock, 58, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — David M. Cooper, 40, died Saturday. Graveside services at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

ROME CITY — Taylor Gayheart, 78, died Saturday. Services were today in Wolcottville.

W. Dale Fisher

AUBURN — W. Dale Fisher, 79, died Friday at 8:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked at Marshall Clothing Co in Butler for 30 years, serving as its president for 10 years. He and his wife co-owned and operated the Fisher Garment Co. in Auburn for five years. He moved the plant to Ney, Ohio, where it operated for 15 years. He retired in 1988.

He had lived on South Clark Street in Auburn since 1990, and previously lived in Bryan, Ohio, for 15 years and Butler for 34 years.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Edgerton, Ohio. He was a 50-year member and past master of Forest Masonic Lodge in Butler.

Mr. Fisher was born Sept. 19, 1916, in Pidmont, Ohio, to the late William and Emma Jane (Brown) Oliver.

He married Martha Moreland on May 18, 1941, in St. Clairsville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Karen Fisher of Baltimore, Roger and Janet Fisher of Leesburg, and Richard and Roxanne Fisher of Bryan, Ohio; one brother, John of Harlan; one sister, Bertha Bevington of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Ryan, Randy, Michelle, Chad, Carolyn and R.J. Fisher.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Forest Masonic Lodge of Butler will conduct a memorial service tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Mark Kleckner of Zion Lutheran Church, Edgerton, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association or to the church.

Olaf Mendenhall

ANGOLA — Olaf Pauline Mendenhall, 83, died Saturday at 3:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Mendenhall was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church.

She was born in Whitley County on July 16, 1912, to Carl and Alice (Fleck) Raypole.

On Feb. 15, 1936, she married Argyl Mendenhall, who survives.

She is survived by two daughters, Beth Ann Ireland of Palmer, Alaska, and Kay Emerson of Westmoreland, Tenn.; a brother, Clayton Raypole of California; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. She also is survived by several foster children, including Mary Shaw.

She was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1977, and three brothers, Dewitt, Paul and Harry Raypole.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Rick Garmon officiating.

Visitation is from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Perry Township Cemetery in Hometown.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Edgil Hicks

CORUNNA — Edgil Hicks, 83, of Corunna died at 8:57 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, following an extended illness.

He was born in Garrett, Ky. Aug. 8, 1912, to Eli and Zella (Collins) Hicks. He moved to this area from Willard, Ohio, in 1964 and was a retired coal miner.

Surviving are six daughters, Anna Rose Fields, Shelvee Jean Green and Virginia Lakey, all of Rockford, Ill., Maxine Handshoe of Hudson, Versia Knotts of Angola and Brenda Jacobs of Wolcottville; a son, Marlion Jr. Hicks of Rockford; two sisters, Edith Noble of Kentucky, and Edis of Warsaw; two brothers, Ecil Hicks and Ethel Hicks, both of Kentucky; 30 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Anna Mae Lavergne in February 1995; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother; and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Little Flossie Church in Lisbon with the Rev. Russell Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville and after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the church.

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Iona Kesler

KENDALLVILLE — Iona Grace Kesler, 88, of Kendallville died Saturday at 5:25 a.m. in the home of her daughter following a six-month illness.

She was born in Jefferson Township, Noble County on March 17, 1908, to Frank and Elvira (Eckels) Albaugh. She married Carl Frederick on Jan. 1, 1930, in Allen County. He preceded her in death Jan. 2, 1961. On Oct. 7, 1963, in Noble County she married Robert Kesler. He preceded her in death May 7, 1985.

Mrs. Kesler had been a farm wife and retired in 1973 as a dietary aide at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

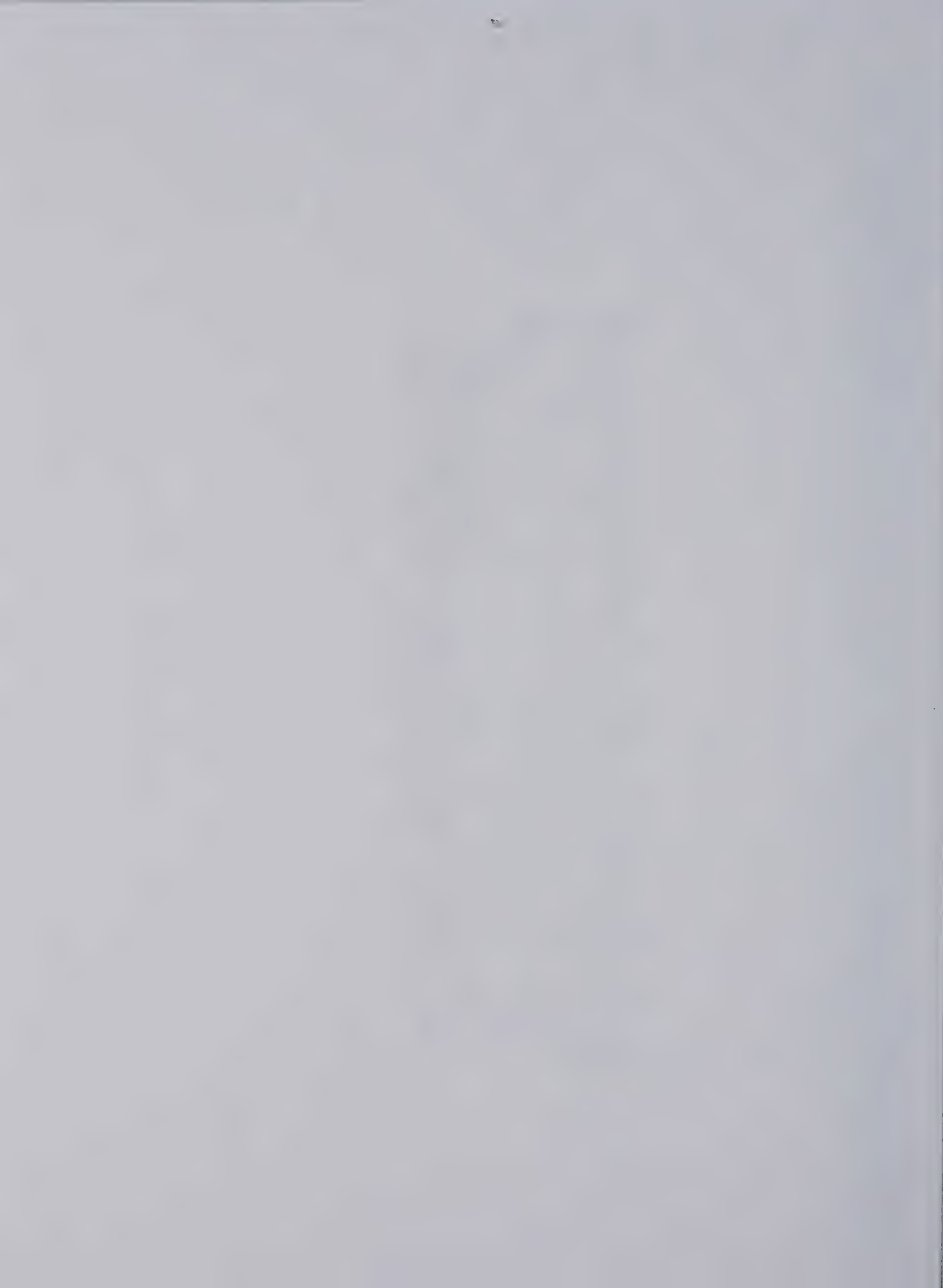
Surviving are a daughter, Donna Mumaw of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Rena Braun of Fort Wayne, Rhonda Ludy of Rome City and Randy Acker of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Lydia Strouse, Ethel Shultz and Orpha Casselman; and three brothers, Thurlow "Tater" Albaugh, Clarence "Dutch" Albaugh and Dale Albaugh.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Kendallville.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Harvest Community Church or Com-preCare Home Health/Hospice, Kendallville.



Deaths/Funerals

Jeanette Wittig

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jeanette Wittig, 73, died Monday at 10:15 p.m. in Williams County General Hospital, Bryan, Ohio, where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Mrs. Wittig worked at National Ideal and retired in 1976 from Synco in Hicksville. She lived on Arrowsmith Road, Hicksville, and was a member of Hicksville First Baptist Church, Hicksville Eagles Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 11, 1923, in DeKalb County, Ind., to the late Ernest and Edna (Harter) Nelson.

She married Walter W. Wittig on Feb. 10, 1943, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Elaine Johnson of Butler; three granddaughters, Dawn Johnson of Indianapolis, Renee Lehrain of Marion, and Marsha Johnson of Muncie; two brothers, Donald Nelson of Garrett and Harold Eugene Nelson of Auburn; and two sisters, Betty Pring of Tacoma, Wash., and Beverly Stohl of South Milford.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Hicksville First Baptist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Noah Delagrang, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Beth Iddings

AVILLA — Beth I. Iddings, 69, of Avilla died at 8:30 p.m. Monday in her residence following an illness of 4 1/2 years.

She was born in Noble County on Feb. 5, 1927, to Earl and Jennie (Halferty) Faux. She married Robert A. Gray in Valentine. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Iddings moved to Avilla 31 years ago from Albion. She was retired from Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Nelson of Garrett and Jean Gray of Avilla; a son, Charles L. Gray of Kendallville; a sister, Jean Hudkins of Stoughton, Wis.; and two grandchildren, Janelle Brown and Nicholas Brown, both of Kendallville.

A sister, Mary Rath, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Frank Messenger officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

at 10 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Carmon C. Miller**, 85, died Monday. Services will be private.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Mary A. Hudson**, 87, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Olive Branch Church of God, Roann. Calling 3-8 p.m. today in Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

KENDALLVILLE — **Betty Louise Brady**, 65, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville with calling there noon to 2 p.m. Thursday.

LAGRANGE — **Myron A. Welker**, 73, died Sunday. Services



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Deaths/Funerals

Rose McManus

GARRETT — Rose E. McManus, 87, died Tuesday at 6 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a teacher in Chicago, retiring in 1974. She formerly lived on South Randolph Street, Garrett. She was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a lifetime member of the American Legion in Chicago. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

Miss McManus was born May 12, 1908, in Garrett to the late Lawrence and Rose (Gengler) McManus.

Surviving are four nephews, Michael McManus of Hampton, Conn., Bob Murray of Chicago, Dennis Murray of Cooperstown, N.Y., and Phillip Murray of Richfield, Minn.; and one cousin, Tom Novy of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence McManus Sr., and two sisters, Loretta Ryan and Polly Murray.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. Father John Vrabely will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph School or Masses at the church.

Lawrence Brown

HAMILTON — Lawrence E. "Bud" Brown, 66, died Tuesday at 4 p.m. in his Hamilton Lake home.

He had owned and operated L.E. & Bret Brown Insurance Agency in Waterloo since 1956. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a corporal in the U.S. Army, serving in both branches during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of Angola Moose Lodge, Knights of Pythias, IOOF lodge and Hamilton Fish & Game Club, Waterloo Lions Club, Hamilton Lake Association, and Independent Insurance Agents.

Mr. Brown was born Sept. 21, 1929, in DeKalb County to the late Lawrence and Mildred (Likens) Brown.

He married Jane Bowers on Oct. 14, 1949, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bret of Hamilton; three daughters, Marie Longnbaugh, of Pendleton, Mary Miller of Auburn, and Amy Griffin of Indianapolis; two brothers, Harold of Auburn and Lee of Waterloo; one sister, Marybell Haiflich of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, one brother, and one grandson, Brandon Brown.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — James W. Hampton Sr., 89, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling two hours before services.

LAGRANGE — Justynn Charlys Wysley Hammond, 3 months old, died Monday. Memorial services at a later date.

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Deaths/Funerals

Gartha James

FREMONT — Gartha M. James, 69, died Tuesday at 4:50 p.m. in Columbia Northside Medical Center, St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was a bookkeeper for Montgomery Ward in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1975. She lived on Snow Lake, Fremont.

She was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church, Orange Lake Civic Center Garden Club of Largo, Fla., and attended Calvary United Methodist Church in Largo.

Mrs. James was born Oct. 26, 1926, in Steuben County to the late J.D. and Thelma (McCool) Kogin.

She married Carl James on June 23, 1946, in Butler and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael L. of Fort Wayne and Patrick C. of Indianapolis; one aunt, Dorothy Teegarden of Hamilton; and seven grandchildren.

One daughter, Michelle James, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Garrett United Methodist Church, with pastor Bill Dunfee

officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Michelle C. James Memorial Reading Fund at J.E. Ober Elementary School, Garrett.

Lawrence Brown

HAMILTON — Lawrence E. "Bud" Brown was preceded in death by three brothers. One sister and one grandson also preceded him in death.

The number of brothers was reported incorrectly in his obituary in Wednesday's edition. We apologize for our error.

Mr. Brown, 66, died Tuesday at 4 p.m.



Deaths/Funerals

Jonathan Elliott

WATERLOO — Jonathan Denver "Jon" Elliott, 20, of Waterloo died at 6:59 a.m. Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of an auto accident on DeKalb C.R. 28 at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

He was born in Kendallville April 4, 1975, to Denver and Linda (Tackett) Elliott. His parents, Sandy and Denver Elliott Jr., survive in Orland, and Linda and David Capocy, survive in Waterloo.



Mr. Elliott

Mr. Elliott had lived in Waterloo three years, coming from Kendallville. He had worked at Handy & Harmon in Kendallville and was a member of the House of Prayer in Corunna.

Surviving with his parents are three sisters, Stacy Elliott of Kendallville, and Cayla Capocy and Jennifer Capocy, both of Waterloo; two brothers, Bradley Elliott and Daniel Elliott, both of Orland; maternal grandparents, Earl and Donna Tackett of Kendallville; and paternal grandparents, Denver and Sally Elliott Sr. of Orland; and a niece, Holly Long of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in House of Prayer in Corunna with the Rev. Denver Tackett officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Visitation is after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday in the church. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Omspacher

GARRETT — Richard F. Omspacher, 73, of County Road 60, Garrett, died Thursday at 12:46 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Omspacher was a forklift driver at the Fort Wayne Foundry for 18 years, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 26, 1922, in

Fort Wayne, to Otto and Catherine (Lawrence) Omspacher, who are deceased.

On Dec. 15, 1952, he married Marilyn J. Yates in Fort Wayne and she survives in Garrett.

He also is survived by three sons, Dennis of Garrett, and Richard Jr. and Tom, both of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Starr Fetter of Kendallville, Deborah Richardville of Fort Wayne and Patricia Omspacher of Garrett; two sisters, Emma Heileman of Kendallville and Jean Evans of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, John Omspacher, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Cletus Hirschy officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family or the Garrett American Legion.

Robert Helmkamp

AVILLA — Robert J. Helmkamp, 70, of Avilla died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday in his residence.

He was born Feb. 12, 1926, in Cloverdale, Ohio, to Bernard and Hil-da (Kolhoff) Helmkamp. He married Alberta Fischer on May 28, 1949. She preceded him in death in 1971. On Nov. 29, 1972, he married Rosealma Vigneaux and she survives.

Mr. Helmkamp, a resident of this community since 1940, was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired in 1988 from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne after 23 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and American Legion Post 240, both in Avilla.

Surviving with his wife are five sons, Ralph Helmkamp, Kenneth Helmkamp, Stephen Helmkamp and Vincent Helmkamp, all of Avilla, and Phillip Helmkamp of Albion; five daughters, Mrs. Tom (Linda) Jansen, Mrs. Hal (Cheryl) Barker, Mrs. Scott (Ruth) Durbin and Ann Helmkamp, all of Kendallville, and Mrs. Tim (Cathy) Dancer of Swanton, Ohio; 27 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five

brothers, Donald Helmkamp of LaGrange, Gerald Helmkamp of Venice, Fla., Richard Helmkamp of Avilla, Paul Helmkamp of Fort Wayne and James Helmkamp of Auburn; and two sisters, Mrs. Donald (Mary) Ley of Avilla, and Mrs. Bill (Joann) Alfred of Fort Wayne.

A son, Charles, and a brother, John, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla with the rosary service there at 8:30 p.m. today. Calling also from 9 a.m. until services Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or CompreCare Home Health Care/Hospice, Kendallville.

Robert L. Lee

PORTLAND — Robert L. Lee, 73, died Thursday morning in Jay County Hospital following an extended illness.

Mr. Lee retired in 1989 from Sheller-Globe Portland after 43 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Jay Lodge 87 F&AM in Portland. He was a member of the Jefferson Township Advisory Board, and a graduate of Poling High School in Jay County.

He was born June 24, 1922, in Jay County to R. Orpha and Lottie (Cox) Lee.

He was married Oct. 31, 1948, to Gaynelle L. Smith who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry R. Lee of Portland; one daughter, Cinda S. Sutton of Portland; five brothers, Martin Lee of Auburn, William A. Lee, Lawrence Lee and Harold Lee of Portland, and Forrest Lee of Richmond; two grandsons, Zeb and Zac Sutton of Portland; and one granddaughter, Chonda Sutton of Portland.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, Portland, and Sunday until the 2 p.m. funeral service time. The Jay Lodge 87 will conduct a Masonic memorial service Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Charles Kunkel

BUTLER — Charles H. Kunkel, 80, of Butler, died Thursday at 7:47 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was employed as an auto body repairman at Maxton Motors, Butler, for 30 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler American Legion Post 202, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and a 50-year member of Otsego Lodge 701, Hamilton.

Mr. Kunkel was born Jan. 22, 1916 in Bryan, Ohio, to Charles A. and Nellie (Harold) Kunkel. He also was raised by his stepmother, Mattie (Combs) Kunkel.

On Feb. 9, 1947, he married Lois Badger Schaeffer in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Weslie Kunkel of Naples, Fla., and Stanley Schaeffer of Woodburn; a sister, Helen Whiteley of Columbia, Md.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Don Kunkel, and a sister, Georgie Ford.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, rural Angola.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **William Wagner Jr.**, 69, died Thursday. Services 1:30 p.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

LAGRANGE — **Allen F. Sink**, 73, died Dec. 15, 1994 in Mississippi. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday in Scott Cemetery.

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Deaths/Funerals

Josephine Sowles

EDON, Ohio — Josephine May Sowles, 63, of Edon, Ohio, died Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Williams County General Hospital, Montpelier, Ohio, from injuries sustained in an accident.

She had been employed at the Montpelier Auto Auction for more than 20 years.

She was born May 26, 1929, in Auburn, to Eugene and Ruth (Berry) Baughman and who are deceased.

She married Leon Sowles in Auburn on July 10, 1948, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gerald Sowles (and wife Vickie) of Edon; a daughter, Sharon (Mrs. Fred) Hardy of Toledo, Ohio; four brothers, Donald Baughman of Big Otter Lake, Munson Baughman of Auburn, Wayne Baughman of Butler and Arthur Baughman of Angola; five sisters, Arlene Beard of Auburn; Virginia Ashleman of Auburn; Jane Bales of Lake Alfred, Fla., Charlotte Rogers of Kendallville, and Mary Warfield of Garrett; three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren

and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be to the family.

Deaths/Funerals

Sherman Ober

CORUNNA — Sherman M. Ober, 80, of rural Corunna, died Saturday at 3:57 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Ober was employed as an auto mechanic, retiring in 1980 from Quist Motors of Kendallville, formerly known as O.E. Coney. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

He was born June 28, 1915, in Corunna to James Wilbur and Minnie (Sipe) Ober, who are deceased.

On Sept. 23, 1937, he married Margaret P. Gael in Avilla. She survives in Corunna.

He also is survived by two sons, John K. of Auburn and Gary M. of Corunna; a sister, Chloe Crossley of Angola; a brother, Ralph Ober of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

There was no calling. Private graveside services were conducted today at 1 p.m. in the Corunna Cemetery with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran School.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Marguerite Rempis Braunstein

NORWALK, Calif. — Marguerite Rempis Braunstein, 74, died Friday at her home in Norwalk, Calif.

She was a former Waterloo resident, and a graduate of Waterloo High School. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and the Polio Survivors Association.

She was stricken with polio Dec. 25, 1952, and became a quadriplegic, dependent on a respirator all her life. She was one of the first persons to use an iron

lung. After four years of living at Rancho Los Angeles Hospital, she returned home to raise her 2-year-old daughter.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, or to Polio Survivors, Richard Daggett, president, 12720 L.A. Riena Ave., Downey CA 90242-4243.

David Edsall

AUBURN — A name was listed incorrectly in Monday's obituary for David Edsall, 35.

Memorial contributions for the children of David Edsall may be sent in care of Mary Lou Edsall. An incorrect surname was published.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mavis Sattison

WATERLOO — Mavis Dee Sattison, 61, died Tuesday at 4 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Sattison was a homemaker and lived on County Road 41, Waterloo. She was a member of the Shifters Car Club, and the lineage officer and registrar for the John Houlton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was born July 24, 1934, in Waterloo. Her mother, Doris M. (Houlton) Roberts survives in Ossian and her father, Clark A. Roberts, is deceased.

She married Jimmie L. Sattison on Feb. 3, 1952, in Pleasant Lake, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Martin B. of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mark A. of Waterloo; one daughter, KayLee Witt of Ashley; two brothers, Blaine S. Roberts of Napoleon, Ohio, and Waylin D. Roberts of Ossian; three sisters, Carma A. Griffith of Angola, Darlene L. Matson of Port Richey, Fla., and LuRayne G. Roehm of Florida; and six grandchildren.

One sister, Roberta Alleshouse, and three brothers, Merwin Roberts, Verlin Roberts, and Yost Roberts, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Albert Witt and the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Entombment will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association.

Dale Martin

FORT WAYNE — Dale E. Martin, 85, died Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had resided since Nov. 16, 1994.

Mr. Martin was a store manager for the Kroger Co. in Fort Wayne for many years. He graduated from Huntington High School with the class of 1928. and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a past member of the American Legion in Fort Wayne. He formerly lived on Spatz Street in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 4, 1910, in Huntington.

He married Florence VanTochine, and she survives in Betz Nursing Home.

Also surviving are one sister, June Woodward of Vista, Calif.; two nieces, Catherine Rohrs of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jenine Rowe of Vista; one nephew, Richard Woodward of Vista; and one great-niece, three great-nephews, and seven great-great-nieces and nephews.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday after 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Huntington.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Ralph Strumbaugh**, 88, of Howe, died at 2:22 p.m. Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY - **Sharon Lou Rex-Fosnaugh**, 49, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

E. Woodrow Hursh

SPENCERVILLE — E. Woodrow Hursh, 77, died Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. in Kingston Residence, Fort Wayne, where he had lived for seven months.

He was a tool-and-die maker for General Electric Co., Fort Wayne, and formerly lived in Spencerville.

He was born Feb. 21, 1919, to the late Ezariah and Elberta (Oberholtzer) Hursh.

He married Opal Likens on Aug. 16, 1941, and she died July 20, 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Jeffrey E. of Fort Wayne and Thomas E. of Spencerville; one daughter, Linda M. Mohr of New Haven; three sisters, Frances Doll of Auburn, Kathryn Dean of Brevard, N.C., and Helen Koch of Spencerville; and five grandchildren.

One brother, Ralph, and two sisters, Cozy Fillman and Dorothy Mae Vendrely, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville, with calling after 4 p.m. Pastor Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery, Leo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church. Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Bowman Sr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Paul J. Bowman Sr., 65, died Wednesday at 11:22 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Sunday. He had been in failing health for several years.

He retired in 1989 from Consolidated Freight Trucking Co. in Fremont. He also worked for T.I.M.E.-DC of Chicago and Reed Lines of Defiance, Ohio. He lived on Arthur Street in Hicksville. He served in the Korean Conflict with the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division.

He was a member of First Church of Christ in Hicksville, where he served as a deacon. He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars post. He was an Indian-head Association life member.

Mr. Bowman was born May 19, 1930, in DeKalb County to the late Joseph and Rosella (Huff) Bowman.

He married Althea Phillips on July 3, 1959, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jeffery Paul of Alma Center, Wis., and Robert Lee, Randall Lynn, and Paul Joseph Jr., all of Cincinnati; four daughters, Marjorie Osmun, Wanda Edwards, and Sandra Edwards, all of Hicksville, and Judy Munsey of Butler; one sister, Helen Morse of Angola; one brother, Arthur of Phoenix, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren and 10 stepgrandchildren.

One daughter, one brother and three grandsons preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday after 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Hicksville Eagles Lodge will conduct a memorial service Friday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, with Minister Ken Wellman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with military services by the Hicksville posts of the VFW and American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Oliver Lanning

FORT WAYNE — Oliver Wendell Lanning, 81, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1979 from Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. as a second vice president and associate general counsel. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a DeKalb County native.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1946 to 1955. He was a graduate of DePauw University and the Northwestern University School of Law.

He was a member and former moderator of Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne. He served on the board of directors for Fort Wayne Community Concerts. He was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Foundation (where he was a sustaining life fellow), Association of Life Insurance Council and a life member of the American Bar Association. He was a legal counselor at the Senior Citizen Center.

He was a former board member of Crossroad Children's Home, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary; one son, Thomas R. of Wilmette, Ill.; two daughters, Martha R. Lanning of Newtonville, Mass., and Marilyn W. Pietraszewski of Chandler, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, with the family to receive friends immediately following the service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or Crossroad Children's Home, Fort Wayne.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.



Marthadail Hardwick

MUNCIE — Marthadail Carder Hardwick, 66, of Muncie, died Wednesday in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She was born July 31, 1940, in Hartford City to Dale and Wilma E. Carder.

Mrs. Hardwick had lived in Wolcottville and Eaton. She retired in 1991 from Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange and also had been employed by Miller's Merry Manor in Hartford City as a nurse's aid. She was a member of Eaton United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori A. Burton of Muncie; a sister, Roberta Higdon of Marion; a niece, Amy Higdon; a nephew, Mark Higdon; and a great-nephew, Zachary Higdon.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Garden View Funeral Home, Muncie. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from noon until service time on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association and American Heart Association.

Neva Higginbotham

KENDALLVILLE — Neva G. Higginbotham, 83, of Kendallville, died Tuesday at 8:22 p.m. in Southview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kendallville following a nine-year illness.

She was born in Angola on March 14, 1913, to Arthur and Dessie (Knapp) Morningstar. In October 1929, in Warren, Ohio, she married Dean Higginbotham. He preceded her in death May 7, 1972.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Dina M. Hewitt of Kendallville; a grandson, Rick Higginbotham of Gridley, Ill.; and two great-grandchildren, Spencer and Alexis Higginbotham of Gridley.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry; and one grandchild.

There will be no services or visitation. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Peggy Johnson

PIERCETON — Peggy Jean Johnson, 56, of 7406 E. Shoop Road, Pierceton, died Tuesday at 6:25 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for two weeks.

Mrs. Johnson was born Feb. 6, 1940 in Hicksville, Ohio, to Ancil and Alverta (Sholl) Ruckman. She graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1958 and from the Riverside School of Nursing in 1960. She worked at the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center as executive director for 32 years. She was a past member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

On June 7, 1971, she married John A. Johnson in Kent City, Mich.

She is survived by her husband, John; two sons, Perry and Kit Johnson, both of Pierceton; two grandchildren, Nikki and Nate Johnson of Pierceton; her mother, Alverta Ruckman of Hicksville; and one sister, Barbara Heiser of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Gary Ruckman.

Friends may call at the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, after 7 tonight and after 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville, with the Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of the church, officiating.

Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, near Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

Margaret Campbell

ALBION — Margaret Kay Campbell, 47, of Albion, died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill since June 1995.

She was born in Kendallville on Jan. 8, 1949, to Forrest and Dolores (Iddings) Owen. Her mother, Dolores Chorpensing, survives in Albion. In 1985, she married John Campbell and he also survives.

Mrs. Campbell had been a waitress at Plaza Inn and had worked for CompreCare Home Health, both in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Robert Egly of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Vickie Huston of Albion and Dolores Williams of Ligonier; and two brothers, Harold Owen and J.R. Owen, both of Fort Wayne.

A brother, Roy Owen, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Margaret Kay Campbell, 47, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

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Robert Lee

AUBURN — Robert Gene "Rob" Lee, 23, died today at 1 a.m. in a train-pickup accident in Waterloo.

He was a press operator at Bundy Corp. in Ashley for five years. He lived in Auburn.

Mr. Lee was born March 27, 1973, in Auburn. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Don R. and Dee Lee of Auburn; and his mother and stepfather, Nancy and Ron Tetzloff of Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Austin Michael Lee of Auburn; two sisters, Amber Bishop and Amanda Bishop, both of Auburn; one stepbrother, Daniel Elkin of Auburn; and his grandmother, Doris Ort of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three grandparents, Donald Ort, and Gene and Jean Lee.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a trust for Austin Michael Lee, in care of Peoples Federal Savings Bank, Auburn.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Grace E. Slabaugh**, 10, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Willie Schrock residence. Calling all day Saturday in the Corneilus Wickey residence.

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Rickie Bolen

WATERLOO — Rickie Lynn Bolen, 23, of Waterloo, died Friday at 9:28 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne. He had been injured in a truck-train collision early Friday morning.

Mr. Bolen had worked for two years as a welder at Bundy Tubing Co. in Ashley. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo.

He was born in Bryan, Ohio, on Sept. 6, 1972, to Edward and Louise (Monroe) Bolen, who both survive in Waterloo.

Other survivors include a daughter, Alissa Kristen Bolen of Waterloo; three brothers, Wade Terry and Douglas Terry, both of Kendallville, and Charles Bolen of

Delphos, Ohio; and three sisters, Rita Deskins and Tammy Philo, both of Kendallville, and Lesa Combs of Waterloo.

Memorial services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of Louise Bolen.

at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Calling Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alice T. Pontius**, 94, died at 11:20 p.m. Thursday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene. Calling Monday 4-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and after noon Tuesday at the church.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — **Carrie E. Russell**, 80, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ivy Klebe

ANGOLA — Ivy M. Klebe, 86, died Sunday at 8:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Klebe moved to Steuben County in 1946. She attended the Pleasant View Church of Christ. She was a member of the Hamilton Rebekah lodge, Angola Moose and the Academy of Friendship of Angola.

She was born April 23, 1909, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Harry and Catherine (Lloyd) Takimori.

On Jan. 11, 1932, she married Robert Klebe. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1974.

She is survived by three sons, Robert Klebe of Aopka, Fla., Richard Klebe of LaGrange and Jack Klebe of St. Joe; one daughter, Judy Betz of Auburn; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one brother, Bud Takimori, and one sister Naka McKnight.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Carl Sartor

GARRETT — Carl H. Sartor, 91, died Tuesday at 11:26 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sartor retired in 1967 as a stationary engineer for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp., with 28 years of service. He worked as a sander for the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1926 to 1936.

He was born Nov. 9, 1904, in Garrett to the late Henry and Emma (Steinbrunner) Sartor.

He married Aileen M. Pfaff on July 27, 1927, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Carla M. Martin of Fort Wayne; one sister, Freida Riddle of Garrett; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Hoevel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Margaret Keller

HAMILTON — Margaret E. Keller, 74, of Hamilton Lake, died Tuesday at 11:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keller was employed at Wal-Mart in Angola for the past three years and before that she was employed at the Steuben County Dispatch for 12 years.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Decatur, Ill., to William R. and Georgia F. (Dean) Davis, who are deceased.

On Oct. 22, 1950, she married Harley Burt Keller in St. Joe. He survives in Hamilton.

She also is survived by a son, Richard E. Mast, and his fiancée, Collene Fluke, of Larwill; a brother, Robert E. Davis of Spencerville; three sisters, Patricia Niblick of Young, Ariz., and Nancy Hanna and Georgia Davis, both of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father Dan Durkin officiating.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A rosary service will be conducted at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Keith Wilhelm

COLDWATER, Mich. — Keith L. Wilhelm, 67, died Monday at his home in Coldwater, Mich., of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Wilhelm was a native of Waterloo. He had been the owner of Wilhelm's Wharf in Coldwater since 1977. He was the sheriff of Branch County, Mich., from 1958 through 1976.

Mr. Wilhelm was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army. He was an organizer of the Lakeland Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Elks and Eagles lodges in Coldwater, and the Moose Lodge in Marco, Fla. He was member of American Legion Post 157 in Quincy, Mich., and was active in the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association.

He was past president of the Michigan Sheriffs Association and the Michigan Sheriffs Marine Patrol. He was a former member of the Coldwater Exchange Club, Batavia Grange and Michigan State Grange.

Mr. Wilhelm was born Sept. 10, 1928, in Waterloo to the late Shirl and Minnie (Bleck) Wilhelm.

He married Barbara Keith on Jan. 1, 1951, in Coldwater, and she survives.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Tony Brown, and Kaye and Jamie Kolb, all of Coldwater; one brother, Glenn Wilhelm of LaGrange; one sister, Janet Walker of Waterloo; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St., Coldwater.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with military honors by American Legion Post 52 of Coldwater.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Eric Moberg

FREMONT — Eric Raymond Moberg, 73, of Fremont, died Tuesday at 11:07 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moberg moved to Fremont in 1983 from Glenwood, Ill. He was born in Chicago on Aug. 28, 1922, to Gustav and Clara (Carlson) Moberg.

He retired in 1984 as a supervisor and die sinker at Kropp Forge in Chicago. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

On Sept. 14, 1946, he married Evelyn Rzegocki, who survives him.

Also surviving are two sons, Eric Moberg of Glenwood, and Gustav Moberg of Angola; one daughter, Leslie Ann McCourt of Huachuca City, Ariz.; one brother, Richard Moberg of Payless Heights, Ill.; one grandson, Scott Moberg; and his dog, Allie.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kimberly Moberg in 1992.

There will be no calling or services. He will be buried at Oak Hill

Cemetery in Chicago. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Leah Wells

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Leah J. Wells will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Vernice Sawvel will officiate.

Mrs. Wells, 93, died Jan. 10 at 5:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born March 15, 1902, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Ray and Esther (Rich) Fritz. She became a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons, Carlton Ray Wells and Ronald Wells, both of Fort Wayne, and Lavon Wells of Indianapolis; one daughter, Noreen Jones of St. Charles, Mo.; two sisters, Imogene Johnson of Angola, and Olive Thrush of Gilbertsville, Ky.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to Fremont Kingdom Hall of Jeho-

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vah's Witnesses.

LAGRANGE — Jack M. Plyley, 61, owner of Plyley's Candy in LaGrange, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

TOPEKA — Shirley E. Anders, 69, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Topeka United Methodist Church with calling 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

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Duane 'Archie' Archbold

ANGOLA — C. Duane "Archie" Archbold, 72, died Thursday at 3 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired from Sheets Oil & Gas Co. in 1985 after 23 years. He was the former owner and operator of Hollywood Landing and Archie's Marina.

He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, Angola Lodge 236 F.&A.M., Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Land of Lakes Lions, and American Legion Angola Post 31.

He was born Nov. 4, 1923, in Ossian to Harold and Emma (Souers) Archbold.

On Sept. 4, 1948, he married Phillis (Hite) Archbold. She survives him.

He also is survived by one son, Terry Archbold of Angola; a daughter, Lou Ann Murphy of Fort Wayne; a brother, Dale Archbold of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Marshall Archbold in 1977, and Edwin Archbold in 1995.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at noon Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. James Butler will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Lions Eye Bank or Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Evelyn Gibson

PIPPA PASSES, Ky. — Evelyn L. (Smith) Gibson, 58, of Pippa Passes, Ky., died at 12:30 p.m. Thursday while she was en route from Sycamore Hospital in Miamisburg, Ohio, to her home. She had been in ill health for the past 10 years.

She was born in Kendallville on Nov. 12, 1937, to Warren and Viola (Hammel) Smith. On June 8, 1956, she married Dennis Gibson, who survives.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Warren Gibson of Pippa Passes, Dennis Gibson Jr. of Kendallville, and Terry Gibson of Garrett; two sisters, Janice (Smith) Thacker and Phyllis (Smith) Lash, both of Kendallville; three brothers, Kenneth Smith of Saucier, Miss., Max Smith of Albion, and James Smith of Kendallville; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, Ky., with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Bethel Bolen officiating.

Visitation is all day Saturday and Sunday.

Alberta Allion

ANGOLA — Alberta Cole Allion, 79, died Wednesday at 11 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Allion graduated from Angola High School and Ball State University. She retired in 1978 after 41 years as a first- and second-grade teacher. She taught at Scott Center, Waterloo and Carlin Park schools.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Women of the Moose, Angola American Legion Auxiliary, Angola Rebekah Lodge, and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, of which she was a charter and 51-year member.

She was born Nov. 18, 1916, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to Donald and Ethel (Maugherman) Cole.

In 1944, she married Robert Allion. He survives her.

She also is survived by one son, Mark Allion of Kokomo; and three grandchildren, Mark, Sarah and Gregory.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Dale Cole.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer Support Group.

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COLUMBIA CITY — **Jeremy Lee Duff**, 3 months old, died Wednesday. Service at 1 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arvin Dean Van Houten**, 70, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.



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Juanita Jacobs

AUBURN — Juanita Jacobs, 67, died Friday at 5:21 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn since 1989.

Mrs. Jacobs was born Nov. 2, 1928, in Pippa Passes, Ky., to the late Taylor and Mada (Huff) Watson.

She married Lawson Jacobs on May 3, 1947, in Pippa Passes, and he died Nov. 11, 1988.

Surviving her are two sons, Jimmy D. and Claude, both of Auburn; one daughter, Donna K. Jacobs of Auburn; one adopted son, Darrell Jacobs of Auburn; three adopted daughters, Joyce Anne Grubb and Lisa R. Sumner, both of Auburn and Sharon K. Norris of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Wanda Sutton and Gladys Slone, both of Auburn; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one stepgreat-grandson.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Sue Jacobs, and one brother, James Edwin Lawson Watson.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hollybush Old

Regular Baptist Church in Hollybush, Ky. Calling will be Sunday after 6 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Lawson Jacobs family cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of local arrangements.

Maynard Friend Jr.

ORLAND — Maynard J. Friend Jr., 58, died Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer and a state meat inspector.

Mr. Friend was born July 12, 1937, in Sturgis, Mich., to Maynard J. and Pearl (Finley) Friend.

His wife of 38 years, Alice (Booth) Friend, survives him.

He also is survived by four sons, Jeff of Bronson, Mich., Curt of Orland, and Philip and Travis, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Lori (Mrs. Douglas) Smith of Orland; one brother, Guy Friend of Orland; and one sister, Janice McLain of Orland.

He was preceded in death by his

parents and two brothers.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Orland Congregational Church. The Rev. Mark Emelander and the Rev. Rodger Strong will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.



Deaths/Funerals

John King

AUBURN — John W. King, 87, died Friday at 7:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. King was a gear inspector for 29 years at Auburn Gear and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. He was a lifetime DeKalb County resident.

He was born Sept. 17, 1908, in DeKalb County to the late William G. and Minnie M. (Durst) King.

He married Edna A. Schannen on Sept. 17, 1932, in Napoleon, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rita Heller of Auburn and Marlene Skelly of Buffalo, N.Y.; one sister, Mildred Myers of Auburn; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One sister, Myrtle Casselman, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Brian Wilcox of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ will officiate, with burial in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Aaron Bell

AUBURN — Aaron M. Bell, 44, died early Saturday morning near Waterloo.

He was a self-employed farmer and lifelong Auburn area resident.

He was born March 27, 1952, in Auburn to J. Wendell and Esther Irene (Spake) Bell. His father survives in Auburn and his mother died in 1994.

Also surviving are two sisters, Deborah Williams of Payne, Ohio, and Dinah Grove of Eugene, Ore.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor James Langham, of St. Jacob's United Church of Christ, Payne, Ohio, will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. (Indiana times).

Memorial contributions may be given to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Sister Gina Bodart and the Rev. Dennis Shock officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Robert Shull

BUTLER — Robert E. Shull, 74, of Butler, died today at 12:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Floyd Deetz

PLEASANT LAKE — Floyd A. Deetz, 68, died Friday at 5:45 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was the food service director for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 46 years.

He was a 35-year member and past president of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club. He also was a member of Ashley Masonic Temple 164; Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne; York Rite, Angola Lodge; Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne; and Indiana Food Service Association.

He was born March 3, 1928, in Pleasant Lake to Earl and Marie (McDougle) Deetz.

He is survived by one sister, Margaret Weeden of Coldwater, Mich.; and three nephews, Max Deetz, Rex Deetz and Zach Deetz, all of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Max Deetz, on Dec. 31, 1993.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Masonic service will be conducted by Ashley Masonic Lodge 164 at 6:30 tonight.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lorene Pridgeon

MONTOMERY, Mich. — Lorene Harriet Pridgeon, 97, died Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Coldwater Community Health Center in Coldwater, Mich.

She graduated from Montgomery High School and attended Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich. She was a homemaker and a country school teacher.

She was a member of the California Presbyterian Church, Senior Citizens Women's Association, Garden Club and Historical Society.

She was born April 23, 1898, in California Township, Mich., to James and Estella (French) Mitchell.

On June 12, 1920, she married Glen Pridgeon. He preceded her in death in 1989.

She is survived by four sons, Dean Pridgeon of Montgomery, Marvin Pridgeon of Farmington Hills, Mich., John Pridgeon of Charlotte, N.C., and Tom Pridgeon of Greenville, Mich.; three daughters, Mrs. Mac (Joyce) Carpenter of Reading, Mich., Mrs. Tom (Marcille) Dalglish of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Ellen Layer of Charlotte, Mich.; 23 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters, and a daughter-in-law, Mary Pridgeon, in 1991.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) Wednesday at California Presbyterian Church, Branch County, Mich. The Rev. Earl Armstrong will officiate. Burial will be in California Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to California Presbyterian Church or Pridgeon Scholarship Fund, Michigan State University.



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Ella Culler

MOORE HAVEN, Fla. — Ella Culler, 97, died Saturday at 1:15 a.m. in Okeechobee Health Care Center, Okeechobee, Fla.

She was a homemaker and lived in Moore Haven, Fla., for seven years after moving there from Auburn. She was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Culler was born July 31, 1898, in Garrett to the late Phillip and Rosa (Brosa) Habig.

She married Harry Hoover in 1922, and he died in 1952. She married Roy Culler in 1956, and he died in 1987.

Surviving are one daughter, Yvonne Smith of Moore Haven, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Eileen Ridgeway of Auburn and Patricia Little of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Gary Culler of Chicago; two sisters, Hilda Sellers of Fort Wayne and Clara Schott of Cedarville; three grandchildren, 17 stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two stepsons, one stepdaughter, three brothers, three sisters, and one stepgrandson.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

John Kirkpatrick

CHURUBUSCO — John B. Kirkpatrick Sr., 75, died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in his Churubusco home after years of failing health.

He was a driver for 15 years for Marathon Oil Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1982. He formerly was a driver for Harlan Oil in LaOtto. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born June 10, 1920, in Noble County to the late Earl and Florence (Rodean) Kirkpatrick.

He married Willodean Gaff on July 13, 1941, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jack of Auburn, Larry of Garrett, and John "Butch" and Dick, both of Albion; two daughters, Linda Demaree of Churubusco and Pam Whonsetler of LaOtto; four brothers, Frank of Churubusco and Charlie, Robert and George, all of Albion; 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Shirley Gawlik

ANGOLA — Shirley Ann Gawlik, 60, died Sunday at 12:45 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a nurses' aide at Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice, Angola. She also was a member of Queens Wednesday Night Bowling League.

She was born Aug. 16, 1935, to Dewaine and Dorothea (Ferguson) Zimmerman.

She is survived by two sons, Stephen Gawlik of Angola, and Edward Gawlik of Jackson, Mich.; two daughters, Cynthia Gawlik of Angola, and Gwendolyn Barone of Hillsdale, Mich.; one brother, Ronald Zimmerman of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Jean Grubb of Florida, and Lorna Brinkerhoff of Dimondale, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Margaret Meek, in 1978.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Roseland Memorial Gardens, Jackson, Mich. with graveside services at 1 p.m. (Indiana time).

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Florence E. Gibson**, 88, died Sunday. Services will be at a later date in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

KIMMELL — **Hershel LeRoy "Roy" Hewitt**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

LAOTTO — **Robert Minier**, 83, died Saturday. Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

LIGONIER — **Harvey J. Saggars**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Harvey Saggars**, 78, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Stone's Hill Community Church with calling there from 2-8 p.m. today at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Richard Poff

AUBURN — Richard B. Poff, 67, died Monday at 11:40 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He lived on Midway Drive, Auburn, and with his wife he had owned and operated the Hickory Farms franchise at Glenbrook Square since 1966.

Mr. Poff was formerly a field examiner for the Indiana State Tax Board. He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

With the Rev. Ron Hege, he was co-founder of the Youth For Christ golf tournament, and served as chairman and honorary chairman of that event for several years.

Mr. Poff was a board member of the Oakwood Foundation in Syracuse. He was a member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne, Cedar Creek Shrine Club, the Auburn post of the American Legion, and the Bluffton Elks Lodge.

He was born Dec. 14, 1928, in Bluffton to the late Lauren and Eva (Bulger) Poff.

He married Phyllis Gratz on Aug. 11, 1962, in the Waterloo Methodist Church, and she survives.

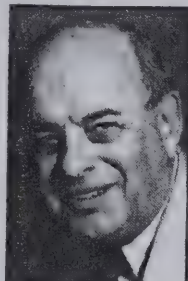
Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, J Randall and Jacqueline Poff of Auburn; and one daughter, Michelle Poff of Chicago.

Two brothers, Joseph and Billy, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ken Robinson, the Rev. Ron Hege, and the Rev. Donovan Coley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Youth For Christ Building Fund.



Mr. Poff

Robert Shull

BUTLER — Robert E. Shull, 74, a retired U.S. Marine Corps captain, died Monday at 12:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1962 with 23 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was the former owner of Dura Clean in Auburn, retiring in 1985 after 12 years.

He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler American Legion Post 202, Auburn Moose Lodge, Butler Eagles Lodge, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572 and the Marine Corps Mustang Association.

Mr. Shull was born Oct. 18, 1921, in Auburn to the late Oscar and Vesta (Long) Shull.

He married Flo Zinkhon Sheehy on Oct. 14, 1971, in Butler and she died Oct. 15, 1995.

Surviving are three sons, Robert E. Shull Jr. of Yuba City, Calif., Allan Shull of Fremont, Calif., and Lou Chrissman of Venice, Fla.; one daughter, Kathleen Erhler of Folsom, Calif.; two sisters, Charlotte Fee of Auburn and Barbara Kessler of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One sister, Mary Sawchuk, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at noon in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Butler American Legion or the church.

John Kirkpatrick Sr.

CHURUBUSCO — Friends of John B. Kirkpatrick Sr. may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Sister Gina Bodart and the Rev. Dennis Shock officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, 75, died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in his Churubusco home after years of failing health.

He was a driver for 15 years for Marathon Oil Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1982. He formerly was a driver for Harlan Oil in LaOtto. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born June 10, 1920, in Noble County to the late Earl and Florence (Rodean) Kirkpatrick.

He married Willodean Gaff on July 13, 1941, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jack of Auburn, Larry of Garrett, and John "Butch" and Dick, both of Albion; two daughters, Linda Demaree of Churubusco and Pam Whonsetler of LaOtto; four brothers, Frank of Churubusco and Charlie, Robert and George, all of Albion; 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Edna Doty

FREMONT — Edna M. Doty, 97, died Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Doty had been a resident of Fremont. She retired in 1954 from Peter Eckrich Co.

She was born Aug. 28, 1898, in Allen County to Slack and Sylvia (Thursh) Leonard.

She married Ralph Doty. He preceded her in death in 1989.

She is survived by one sister, Nancy Goodrich of Fort Wayne, and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services began at 2 p.m. today in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiated.

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Olive Thrush

ANGOLA — Olive M. Thrush, 92, died Monday at 2:40 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was born March 2, 1904, in Ney, Ohio, to Ray and Esther (Rich) Fritz.

On Feb. 25, 1925, she married Emrie Thrush and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1980.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Thrush of Gilbertsville, Ky., and Kenton McLaughlin of Coldwater, Mich.; two daughters, Evelyn Marks of Angola and Donna Sennett of Cincinnati; one sister, Imogene Johnson of Angola; 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, June Cool; an infant son, Dale Thrush; two brothers, William Fritz and Hugh Fritz; three sisters, Leah Wells, Margaret Clark, and Audra Hurd; one granddaughter, Mary Goudy; and two grandsons, Dennis Goody and Ronald McLaughlin.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Ronald Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Frances Norris

FORT WAYNE — Frances L. "Peg" Norris, 86, died Monday at 2 p.m. in her Fort Wayne home.

She was a homemaker and member of Simpson United Methodist Church. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Norris was born June 23, 1907, in Adams County, to the late John and Nancy (Durbin) Cook. Her husband, Harry K. Norris, died in 1992.

Surviving are one son, Richard J. of Auburn, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Steve Conger officiating. Burial will be in Lin-

denwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Simpson United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Lewis D. Harris Sr.**, 70, died Monday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Riverside Cemetery, Howe. Calling 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

KENDALLVILLE — **Keith Renkenberger**, 70, died Monday at home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Calling is from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Elsie Martha Pickett**, 79, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.



Deaths/Funerals

Mary Phelps

ASHLEY — Mary E. Phelps, 76, died Monday at 11:55 p.m. in her Ashley home.

A homemaker, she was a former supervisor at Creek Chub Bait Co., Garrett, retiring in 1979 with 25 years of service. She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Auto Workers and Ladies of the Moose, Auburn.

She was born Oct. 23, 1919, in Minot, N.D., to the late Jesse and Lillian (Gheres) Ford.

She married John E. Phelps on Oct. 25, 1937, in Auburn, and he died Oct. 27, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Jon of Hamilton and Jay; three daughters, Judy Nichols of Fort Wayne, Joan Puebla of Ashley, and Jan Neeley of Irons, Mich.; two brothers, Dr. Henry Ford of Belden, Texas, and Gordon Ford of Florida; two sisters, Ethel Fritz of Stroh and Hazel Mock of Donna, Texas; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. George Gillespie officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Alfred Bobay

FORT WAYNE — Alfred G. Bobay, 64, died Monday at 8:27 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bobay retired in 1989 as an electronic engineer at ITT after 33 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict and lived in Fort Wayne. He

previously lived in Auburn for 20 years.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and American Legion Post 499. He was past vice president of the Concordia Gardens Community Association.

He was born May 18, 1931, in Fort Wayne to the late Clarence A. and Vera (Boren) Bobay.

Surviving are his wife, Joan M. Carlin Bobay; two sons, Terry A. and John J., both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Peggy A. Nicola of Fort Wayne; one sister, Laurine Roberts of Crystal Lake, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, DuPont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10:30 a.m. Father John M. Kuzmich will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Masses.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Marybell R. "Chick" (Himes) Denney, 70, died Tuesday in Muncie. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Victor Leland Friskney, 77, died April 6 in Florida. Memorial services Thursday in Deland, Fla.



Deaths/Funerals

Edward Fetter

GARRETT — Edward J. "Pedro" Fetter, 85, of 508 S. Peters St., Garrett, died Friday at 9:08 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born March 21, 1911, in Garrett, to John J. and Mary B. (Foulks) Fetter.

He was a lifelong Garrett resident and a bartender at the Garrett Eagles for 20 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, and a member of Garrett High School alumni. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Garrett Eagles and American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus and Harvest House.

He is survived by a brother, Floyd Fetter of Garrett; and a sister, Mary Frances Fetter, of Garrett.

Four sisters, Colette Wyss, Katherine Fetter, Sister Anna Rita Fetter O.S.F., and Bernadine Fetter, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Fr. John Vrabely officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church. A rosary service will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services performed by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Memorial contributions may be given to the St. Joseph School Computer Fund.

Francis Erman

ANGOLA — Francis M. Erman, 65, died Friday at 8 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Erman retired in 1977 as a clerk-supervisor at General Motors Corp., Defiance, Ohio. He was a member of Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 6, 1930, in Defiance, Ohio, to Ralph and Teresa Marie (Lang) Erman.

He is survived by one son, Richard M. Erman of Angola; one brother, Dennis Erman of Ottawa, Ohio; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Phil Miller will officiate. Cremation will be at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Olivia Lemings**, 16, of Wolcottville, a girls basketball player at Lakeland High School, died Friday in Wolcottville. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Monday at Brighton Chapel Church, Brighton. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Berdein Young**, 71, died Friday in Wolcottville. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

MONTPELIER, Ohio — **Denver Dale Deal**, 80, died Wednesday in Montpelier. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Bryan, Ohio. Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at the Chapel of the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Bryan. Burial will be in the West Buffalo Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio. VFW Post 2489 will conduct graveside military rites.



Deaths/Funerals

Frank Eldridge

AUBURN — Frank E. Eldridge, 74, died Saturday at 2 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Eldridge was an inspector for 34 years at Warner Gear (now Auburn Gear) in Auburn, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

He was born Nov. 22, 1921, in DeKalb County to the late Edward and Arvilla F. (DeLong) Eldridge.

He married Mabel Humbert on March 6, 1948, in Auburn, and she survives.

Surviving are two sons, Richard and Edward, both of Auburn; one brother, Donald of Auburn; one sister, Pearl Ebnite of Sun City, Calif.; one grandchild; two stepgrandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dillgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul Burris and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Robert Cather

HAMILTON — Robert Cather died Sunday at 9:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

George A. Yotter

ANGOLA — George A. Yotter, 86, of Angola, died Friday at 1:40 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Yotter worked for 25 years as a pharmaceutical salesman with Searle Pharmaceutical Co. and retired in 1969. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church. He was an original member of the Warren Township school board in Indianapolis, serving for six years. He also was a charter member of the Eastside YMCA in Indianapolis.

In 1967, he moved back to Angola from Indianapolis.

He was born July 13, 1909, in Angola to Charles and Rena (Sears) Yotter, who preceded him in death.

On Nov. 23, 1938, he married Frances (Clemons), who preceded him in death on Jan. 17.

Surviving are two sons, James Yotter of Fort Wayne and Charles Yotter of Indianapolis; three daughters, Patricia Cole of Berkeley, Calif., Margaret Gigerich of Ridgefield, Conn., and Sarah Jaynes of Garden City, S.C.; two sisters, Anna Sprandel of Albion, Mich., and Ruth Thomas of Northport, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Group of Steuben County, 500 Williams St., Angola, in care of Tammy Boggs.

Howard Dailey

HUDSON — Howard C. Dailey, 73, of rural Hudson, died at 8:52 a.m. Saturday in his home.

He was born in Jackson Township, Steuben County, on July 20, 1922, to Ralph and Verda (Strawser) Dailey. On Nov. 23, 1946, in Angola, he married Margaret Brand, who survives.

Mr. Dailey, a lifetime Steuben County resident, was a 1940 graduate of Flint High School. He was a retired farmer and retired in 1987 from the Steuben County Highway Department after 25 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423. He was on the Salem Center Fire Department for 25 years.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Martha Dalton of rural Hudson, Karen Svoboda of Kendallville, and Susan Dailey of Angola; a son, Lynn Dailey of Angola; his twin sister, Helen Hodge of Angola; a brother, Robert Dailey of Angola; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Dailey, in 1993; a grandson, Tommy Dailey, in 1988; and a brother, Ross Dailey in 1996.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home,

Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, rural Hudson, with military graveside rites by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Angola.



Mon., April 22, 1996 (cont'd)
Evening Star

Martha Young

GARRETT — Martha Marie Young, 93, died Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where she had resided the past two months.

Mrs. Young was a homemaker and had lived in Elkhart for the past 40 years. She moved to Garrett from a nursing home in LaGrange. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Elkhart.

She was born Jan. 4, 1903, in Urbana, Ind., to the late Jacob and Catherine (Karns) Keaffaber.

She married Ernest Young on Dec. 10, 1925, in Urbana, and he died in September 1966.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Wertman of Garrett and Sandra Bigelow of Santa Clarita, Calif.; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Two daughters, Patricia Wilkinson and Dorothy Gibbs, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home in Elkhart, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Mildred Foster

FREMONT — Mildred L. Foster, 80, died Saturday at 1:30 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a beautician for 26 years and a member of Pythian Sisters and the Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 10, 1915, in Fremont to Frank and Lettie (Shaffer) Penner.

Her husband of 62 years, Wade Foster, survives her.

She also is survived by two sons, David Foster of Ellenton, Fla., and Jerry Foster of Fremont; one daughter, Janet Hanks of Fremont and her husband, Warren; one sister, Josephine Snyder of Ellenton, Fla.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services were today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Scott Shoaff officiated. Burial was in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Home Healthcare or the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Laura Ellen Hill**, 79, died Sunday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Thom Cemetery, Ormas. No calling.

KIMMELL — **Elda Kalb**, 89, died Friday. Services were today in Elkhart.

ROME CITY — **Harry W. Altimus**, 79, died Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Gladys I. Brindle**, 73, died Saturday. Services were today in St. Mary of the Angels Church, Hudson.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Wilma F. Wise**, 89, died Friday. Services at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

HARLAN — **Roy S. Fogle**, 78, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Fort Wayne.



Deaths/Funerals

Robert Cather

HAMILTON — Robert K. Cather, 86, died Sunday at 9:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Cather was a 41-year employee of the Kroger Co., retiring as chief auditor of the Fort Wayne area for Kroger. A Hamilton resident, he was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and a 64-year member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236.

He was born June 23, 1909, in rural Butler to the late Reuben (Pitt) and Mary Atlanta (Kester) Cather.

He married Lucile Waterman Hamman on July 26, 1931, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, A.B. "Tony" of Fort Wayne and James R. of Hamilton; one daughter, Elizabeth Anne Cosper of Angola; one sister, Isabel Sites of Greenville, Tenn.; one brother and sister-in-law, William S. and Betty Cather of Butler; a sister-in-law, Kathleen "Kate" Cather of Butler; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Kathryn Zimmer, and three brothers, Kester, Joseph and James, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Big Run Cemetery, rural Butler.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Lucas Ray Brown

GRAVETTE, Ark. — Lucas Ray Brown, infant son of Brent and Terry (Shirk) Brown of Jay, Okla., and formerly of Auburn and Kendallville, died April 15 one hour after birth in Gravette Medical Center Hospital in Gravette, Ark.

Surviving with his parents are a sister, Ciera L. Brown, at home; a brother, Christopher A. Green of Butler; and his grandparents, Daniel and Belinda Brown of Auburn, Tim and Virginia Barry of Gravette, Carson and Sue Shirk of Garrett, and Nannie Shirk of Avilla.

Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Gravette.

Megan Mullins

AVILLA — Megan Marie Mullins was stillborn April 17 at 11 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Tracy M. Mullins of Avilla; her father, Louis R. Graham of Avilla; and her grandparents, Beuford and Lois Mullins of Avilla and Danny and Patty Barrand of Woodburn.

Private graveside services were conducted Monday in Fairview Cemetery, Hometown.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Frank Eldridge

AUBURN — Frank E. Eldridge, 74, died Saturday at 2 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Eldridge was an inspector for 34 years at Warner Gear (now Auburn Gear) in Auburn, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

He was born Nov. 22, 1921, in DeKalb County to the late Edward and Arvilla F. (DeLong) Eldridge.

He married Mabel Humbert on March 6, 1948, in Auburn, and she survives.

Surviving are two sons, Richard and Edward, both of Auburn; one brother, Donald of Auburn; one sister, Pearl Ebnit of Sun City, Calif.; one grandchild, two step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul Burrus and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Mary Jane Sharp

MONTROSE, Colo. — Mary Jane Sharp, 60, died April 4 at Lutheran Hospice Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo. She had battled cancer since 1992.

She was a 1955 graduate of Auburn High School. She lived in Golden, Colo., until 1993, when she moved to Montrose.

Mrs. Sharp was born Dec. 25, 1935, in Auburn to the late Ed and Grace Haines.

She married Al Sharp on May 18, 1957, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Angela Bruce of Evergreen, Colo.; one granddaughter, Natalie Bruce of Evergreen; and one sister, Patricia Thomas of Homosassa Springs, Fla.

Services were conducted April 9 in Golden Cemetery in Golden. Woods Mortuary in Golden was in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jacquelyn Glass

AUBURN — Jacquelyn Glass, 71, died Tuesday at 6:50 a.m. in her rural Auburn home.

She retired in 1972 as a assembler at Sheller-Globe in Union City. She was a member of Bethel Chapter 179 of the Order of Eastern Star in Alexandria. She had lived in Auburn 18 years.

Mrs. Glass was born Oct. 1, 1924, in McCreary County, Ky., to the late Charles and Zoe (Dobbs) Davis.

She married Howard Glass on Nov. 5, 1945, in Anderson, and he died in 1981.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Lou LaTurner of Auburn; four brothers, the Rev. Josh L. Davis of Muncie, James H. Davis and Loyd Davis, both of Stearns, Ky., and the Rev. Hoyt Davis of Sydney, Ohio; two sisters, Charlene Vollenhals of Alexandria and Betty Lou West of Riverview, Fla.; and two grandsons, Andrew and Brett LaTurner of Auburn.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson, with a graveside service at 2 p.m.

Herman Kuhn

AUBURN — Herman F. Kuhn, 89, died Tuesday at 10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He retired in 1969 as a machinist at General Electric Co., Fort Wayne, with 39 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn. He lived in Auburn 10 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kuhn was born Feb. 5, 1907, in Adams County, to the late Philip W. and Fannie B. (Seilschott) Kuhn.

He married Neva M. Frank on Nov. 7, 1933, in Decatur, and she died Aug. 1, 1995.

Surviving are one son, Gerald of Auburn, several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Harvey L. Huntley officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Nathan Sassanella

AUBURN — Nathan D. "Joe" Sassanella, 67, died Wednesday at 8 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an illness of five weeks due to complications from pneumonia.

He retired in 1994 with 18 years of service as plant manager of Rhinehart Development Corp., Spencerville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of the Auburn Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Sassanella was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Angola to the late Joseph and Irene (Pearson) Sassanella.

He married Doris Kester on May 6, 1951, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Stasia S. Bassett of Auburn; one brother, Jack of Hudson; and two grandchildren.

One son and two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after noon. The Rev. Paul Burrus of Indian Village Church of God will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the VA Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Lola Tomlinson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lola Leona Tomlinson, 86, died Wednesday at 9:45 p.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital. She had been a patient since Monday and in failing health for the past several years.

She was a partner in the business of Hulbert and Tomlinson Hay and Straw in Hicksville. She was a 1928 graduate of Hicksville High School and a member of the Hicksville Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Mrs. Tomlinson was born Sept. 25, 1909, in DeKalb County to the late Harry and Lula Wyatt Scott.

She married Kenny Tomlinson

on Sept. 29, 1928, in St. Joe, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Betty Pearson of Hicksville; two grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by one sister, one brother and one great-grandson.

Friends may call Saturday after 1 p.m. and Sunday after 9 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Pastor Hal Ward of the Hicksville Seventh-Day Adventist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County, Home Health Care, or the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Heber G. Grable Sr., 93, died Tuesday. Service at noon Michigan time in Niles, Mich.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Coselman

GARRETT — Mary L. Coselman, 83, of Garrett, died Thursday at 5:12 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

She was born Feb. 15, 1913 in Wood, W. Va., to Arthur F. and Lola J. (Shaver) Graves.

She is survived by a son, Adrian N. Thompson of Garrett; a daughter, Anita Depew of Antwerp, Ohio; two stepsons, Keith Depew of Bryan, Ohio, and Maynard L. Depew of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Marlene S. Greear of Garrett; two brothers, Randall Graves of Auburn and Cecil Graves of Port Clinton, Ohio; a sister, Lola Graves of Butler; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leslie, and three sisters, Lorena Posey, Lenora Graves and Leuetta Dennison.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry of First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Johnny Schmucker

SPENCERVILLE — Johnny S. Schmucker of Spencerville died this morning in his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Vernon Whitman

BUTLER — Vernon William Whitman, 77, died Friday at 2:20 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mr. Whitman lived on County Road 63, Butler, and was a retired Wilmington Township farmer. He retired in 1981 as a truck driver for Howard Sober Inc., Fort Wayne, with 20 years of service.

He was born Feb. 27, 1919, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to the late Eugene and Bertha (Rosenberry) Whitman.

Surviving are three sons, Terry Whitman of Fort Wayne, and Hank Ochoa and James John Whitman, both of Butler; seven daughters, Judy High of Lithia Springs, Ga., Janet Matson of Hendersonville, N.C., Kathleen Whitman and Mary Lou Scott, both of Butler, Rose Mary Sponhower of Auburn, and Mary Helen Perez and Kimberly Ames, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Harold of Williams Center, Ohio, and Cecil Duane of Hamilton; one sister, Dorothy Horn of Lafayette; 24 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Reign Whitman, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Terry Ulm and Eric Flood officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family, in care of Mary Lou Scott, 3549 County Road 63, Butler IN 46721.

Rev. Emile Onderdonck

PRINCETON, W.Va. — The Rev. Emile "Pat" Onderdonck, 64, of Princeton, W.Va., died Wednesday.

He was born in Port Arthur, Texas, to Emile and Ethel (Roach) Onderdonck.

The Rev. Onderdonck was retired from the brass mill of Weatherhead Co./Dana Corp. in Angola. He

was an ordained evangelist for the True Church of God in Jesus Name of Kendallville and since 1984 traveled in the United States, Canada and Mexico delivering messages of the church. He had lived in Princeton since 1989 moving from Beaumont, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Nora Cole Henderson Onderdonck of Princeton; four sons, Mark L. Henderson of Virginia, Minn., Ronald L. Henderson of Jeffersonville, Ky., Steven Henderson of Princeton and Roy L. Henderson of Angola; two daughters, Carol S. Sanders of Roseville, Calif., and Teresa M. Calhoun of Princeton; three sisters, Mary Ann Jacks and Cookie Masa, both of Pineland, Texas, and Vickie Fruge of Hemphill, Texas; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the George W. Seaver Funeral Home chapel in Princeton with the Rev. Charles Reed, Erma Lou Hudgins, Robert King, Ralph Brewster Jr. and Anthony Hudgins officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Marjorie Pool

PLEASANT LAKE — Marjorie R. Pool, 81, died today at 2:16 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was born Oct. 1, 1914, in Huntertown to Morley and Edna (Culver) Malcolm. She married Lester Pool, and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She is survived by two sons, James R. Pool of Pleasant Lake, and William Pool of Chesterton; one daughter, Jacqueline S. Hattery of North Webster; two brothers, Maurice Malcolm and John H. Malcolm, both of Florida; one sister, Jean Pontius of Florida; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation or service. Cremation will be in Northern Indiana Crematory. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.



Deaths/Funerals

John Schmucker

SPENCERVILLE — John S. Schmucker, 60, of Spencerville, died Friday morning at his home.

Mr. Schmucker was a masonry contractor. He was born June 10, 1935, in Harlan to Samuel and Rosa (Miller) Schmucker.

He married Norma Jean Frisby on Sept. 5, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving him are a son, Randy, of Spencerville; two daughters, Cheri Chambers of Angola and Karen Schmucker of Spencerville; two brothers, Ben of Harlan and David of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lucy Freese of Spencerville and Rosena Caldwell of Plain City,

Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill.

Memorial donations may be made to Youth For Christ in DeKalb County or the North Leo Mennonite Church.

Dorothy Nance

ANGOLA — Dorothy K. Nance, 79, died Wednesday at 11 p.m. at her home in Angola.

She moved to Angola 1 1/2 years ago and was a homemaker.

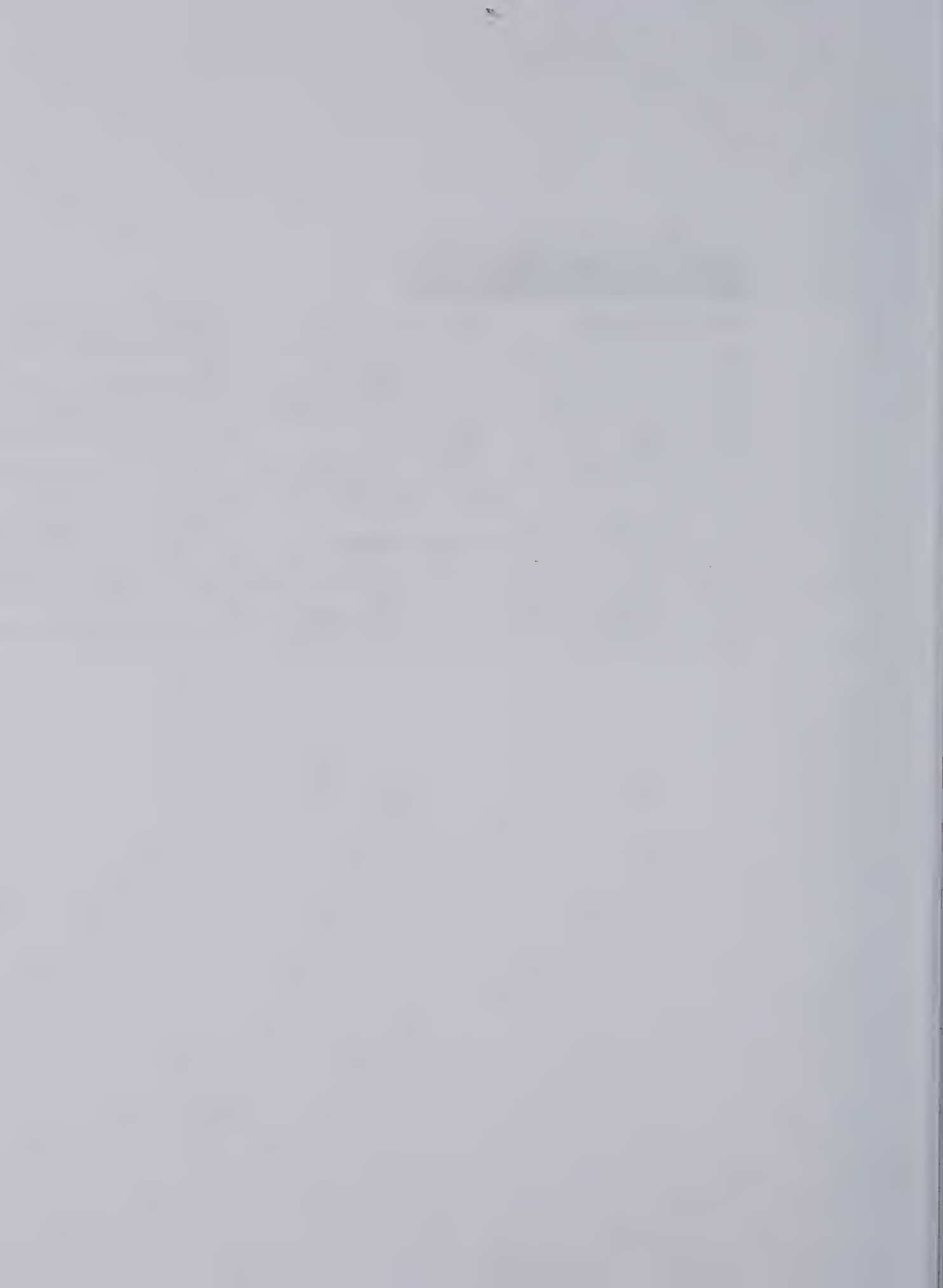
She attended Purdue University. She was a member of Tri-Kappa Sorority and the Steuben Senior Center.

She was born April 5, 1917, in Gary to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford King. She married David Nance. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1994.

She is survived by one son, Scott Nance of Fremont, and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Cross Chapel, 3120 U.S. 20 West, Angola. Memorial services will begin at 4 p.m. The Rev. E. Brian Carsten will officiate.

Arrangements are being made



Deaths/Funerals

Willis Boswell

AUBURN — Willis Eugene Boswell, 78, died Sunday at 4:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Boswell lived on Duryea Drive, Auburn. He owned and operated Mid-City Office Systems Inc. with his wife from 1952 to 1983, when he retired. He was a member of the First Christian Church, the Auburn post of the American Legion, Auburn Elks Lodge, Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and Auburn Lions Club. He was a former member of Auburn Little League.

He was born March 4, 1918, in Grant County, to the late Clarence and Cecile (Loer) Boswell.

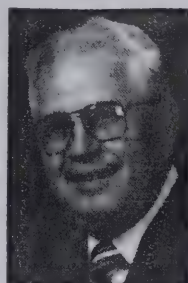
He married Loretta J. Watkins on June 17, 1950, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Malcolm E. of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael D. of Auburn, and Mark A. of Snow Lake; one daughter, Marcia J. Boswell of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lester of Fairmount; one sister, Naomi Porter of Sun City, Ariz.; a half-brother, Tence Williams of Fairbury, Ill.; two half-sisters, Janet Susie Gavin of Fairmount and Joann Shellen of Monroe, Mich.; one stepbrother, Malcolm Williams of Syracuse; three stepsisters, Juanita Comer of Fairmount, Mary Francis Powell of Converse, and Donna Scott of Elwood; and two grandchildren, Eric and Jaime Boswell of Auburn.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. An Elks Lodge memorial service will be conducted Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Auburn. The Rev. Al Black, pastor of County Line Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military rites by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Christian Church or the County Line Church of God.



Boswell

Paul Gordon

AUBURN — Paul R. Gordon, 87, died today at 1:54 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

An Auburn resident, he worked 26 years for GTE in Steuben County. He was a deputy in the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for 12 years, and served as Steuben County sheriff for four years. He was Steuben County EMS director for nine years and a first aid instructor for 40 years. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and the Hamilton Lions Club.

Mr. Gordon was born Nov. 16, 1908, in Madison County to the late Herbert and Alta (Woods) Gordon.

He married Florence Lamerton on Nov. 16, 1929, in Alexandria, Ind., and she survives.

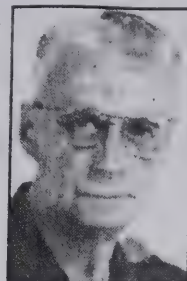
Surviving are two sons, Raymond M. of Columbia City and Lawrence "Gene" of Noblesville; one daughter, Martha Baysinger of Auburn; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother, Clarence Gordon, a half-brother, James Gordon, and a half-sister, Ethel Hobbs, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate, with burial in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Paul Gordon Scholarship Fund of the Steuben County chapter of the American Red Cross.



Gordon

Henry Cravens

BRYAN, Ohio — Henry C. "Hillbilly Hank" Cravens, 78, died Saturday morning at his Bryan home after a lengthy illness.

He was a farmer and worked as a machinist at Aro Corp. for 21 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of Bryan Eagles Lodge and Williams County Coon Hunters Association.

Mr. Cravens was born Aug. 29, 1917, in Fordsville, Ky., to the late James David and Flora (Tucker) Cravens.

He married Pearl L. Handy on Jan. 8, 1940, and she died Jan. 20, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Donald F. of Bryan and H. Leroy of Coruna; one daughter, Juanita Mason of Middletown, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, and one half-brother, David Cravens of Texas.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lee and Merle, and one sister, Ellen Carver.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. (Ohio times) in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of the funeral home with the Rev. Kenneth Laffin officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery near Antwerp, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice Care of Williams County or to the Williams County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Lillian Bartlow

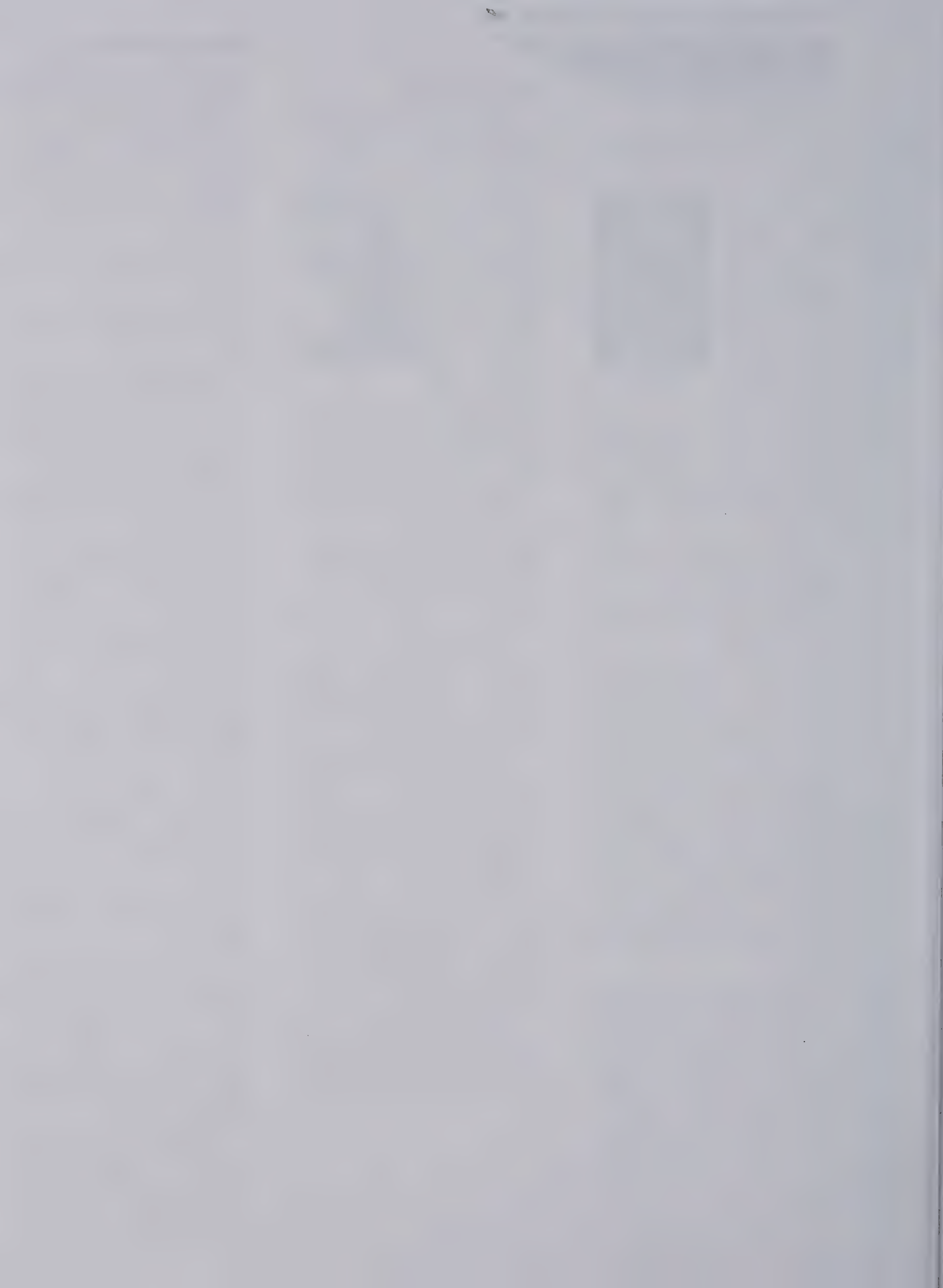
BUTLER — Lillian Bartlow, 92, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

She was born Dec. 11, 1903, in Waukon, Iowa, to Thomas and Lillian (Entington) Hartley. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Teeters of Fremont and Mrs. Richard (Dorothy) Bodie of Edon, Ohio; four sons, John Wood of Jacksonville, Fla., Dwayne Wood of Fremont, James Wood of Howe, and Frank Wood of Angola; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted this morning at Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio. The Rev. William Graafsma officiated.

Arrangements were made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.



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Maxine Chorpenning

ASHLEY — Maxine E. Chorpenning, 75, died at 9:10 p.m. Saturday in the Rehabilitation Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Auburn on June 26, 1920, to Milo and Bitha (Luttman) Mason. On Dec. 14, 1940, she married Lawrence A. "Bud" Chorpenning. He preceded her in death Jan. 13, 1985.

Mrs. Chorpenning, a graduate of Auburn High School, moved from Hudson to Ashley in 1986. She retired in 1982 after 25 years with the Hudson Post Office.

Surviving are two sons, Kerry Chorpenning and Mike Chorpenning, both of rural Hudson; a sister, Roslind Thorn of Wabash; a brother, Thomas Mason of Auburn; five grandchildren; Kerry Chorpenning Thomas, Kristin Chorpenning, Jayson Chorpenning, Charleen Chorpenning and Brad Chorpenning; and one great-granddaughter, Olivia Thomas.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Tom Watt officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hudson United Methodist Church or the Ashley Fire Department.

Rev. Valton Potts

ASHLEY — The Rev. Valton E. Potts, 105, died at 8:05 a.m. Sunday in University Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Donna Hughes

HUDSON — Donna Hughes, 68, of Hudson, died at 1 a.m. today in her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Treva I. Geiger**, 88, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Mary G. (Walker) Ladd**, 64, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Ligonier Evangelical Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

LIGONIER — **Raymond D. Williams**, 53, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

MERRIAM — **Kerry G. Sherman**, 41, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

ROME CITY — **Burley Wallen**, 60, died Friday. Services were today in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Deaths/Funerals

Goldie Jump

AUBURN — Goldie A. Jump, 92, died Monday at 3:40 p.m. at The Cedars in Leo.

A homemaker, she lived in rural Auburn for 43 years. She was a member of the DeKalb County Grange.

Mrs. Jump was born June 14, 1903, in Antwerp, Ohio, to the late Oscar and Rebecca (Billman) Rupert.

She married Adrian B. Jump on March 4, 1924, in Fort Wayne, and he died April 14, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Richard W. and James R., both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Juanita M. Sutton of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Four sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Forrest Van Gundy of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to CompreCare Home Health or to The Cedars.

Donna Hughes

HUDSON — Donna Lou Hughes, 68, of rural Hudson, died at 1 a.m. Monday in her residence.

She was born in Paulding, Ohio, June 26, 1927, to Russell and Phyllis (Proxmire) Jackson. On Nov. 11, 1951, in Salem Center, she married Neal Hughes. He survives.

Mrs. Hughes had lived in Steuben County since 1947. She was a graduate of Salem Center High School and attended International Business College in Fort Wayne. She had been a bookkeeper at Maxton Chevrolet in Angola for 13 years. She attended Hudson United Brethren Church and was a member of the WMS.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Linda Beard of rural Hudson; a son, Dennis Hughes, at home; a brother, Russell "Billy" Jackson of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Kristan and Josh Beard.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder and the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Hospice Home Health Care or Steuben County Cancer Society.

Dorothy Schwerin

ANGOLA — Dorothy M. Schwerin, 79, died Sunday at 8 a.m. in her son's home in Centerville, Ohio.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Angola.

She was born Dec. 6, 1916, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Robert E. and Nora (Hughes) Grover.

On Sept. 13, 1942, she married Frederick W. Schwerin and became a homemaker. Her husband survives her.

She also is survived by one son, Frederick W. Schwerin of Center-

ville, Ohio; four daughters, Karyl L. Crandall of Amesbury, Mass., Bonnie J. Verbriggé of Petoskey, Mich., Nancy L. McBride of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Victoria M. Willems of Dayton, Ohio; one brother, Clifford Grover of Battle Creek, Mich.; and 12 grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Pastor Mike Robertson will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Seventh Day Adventist Church or to the family.

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Lowell Pence

BREMEN — Lowell G. Pence, 82, died Monday at 10:06 a.m. in Community Hospital of Bremen.

He was a retired Miami County farmer and served on the White's Institute board of directors. He lived most of his life in Amboy. He also spent summers in Bremen and winters in Florida. He was a member of Sarasota Friends Church in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born Jan. 23, 1914, in Dunkirk to the late Glen and Belva (Baldwin) Pence.

He married Garnet L. Freeman on Sept. 29, 1934, and she died Aug. 23, 1992. He then married Pauline Gurtner on April 2, 1994, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Wilma Ball of Auburn and Wanita Fewell of Miami, Ind.; one son, Wayne of Amboy; one sister, Melba Odle of Muncie; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, one sister and one grandson preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Amboy Friends Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Walter McAdams and the Rev. Richard Martens will officiate. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Rev. Valton Potts

ASHLEY — The Rev. Valton E. Potts, 105, died at 8:05 p.m. Sunday in University Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Holt, Mich., Feb. 23, 1891, to Walter and Bertha (Templer) Potts. In Mason, Mich., on Nov. 25, 1915, he married Leah V. Swift. She preceded him in death April 21, 1978.

Rev. Potts and his wife had been dairy farmers in Farmville, Va., and in 1940 he entered the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene and was a minister in the Northeast District Nazarene Church until 1959. He was active in the Hudson Senior Citizens and had worked for the Town of Hudson in the maintenance department for streets and the park. He taught Sunday school and filled the pulpits of vacationing pastors.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John Paul (Jeannie) Blackburn of Hudson; a son, Robert E. Potts of Fredericksburg, Va.; a brother, Arthur Potts of Ashley; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, a sister and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev.

William Sanders and the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Lakewood Cemetery, Bowling Green, Va.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Child Evangelism in Auburn.

Religious broadcaster Summral dies

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Lester Sumrall, the founder of LeSEA Broadcasting Inc., a worldwide religious broadcasting system, has died of bacterial spinal meningitis. He was 83.

Sumrall died Sunday at St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend.

The cornerstone of his ministry was LeSEA Broadcasting, which has shortwave and 11 television and radio stations — including WHMB-TV in Indianapolis, WHME-TV and WHME-FM in South Bend. His World Harvest Radio International has been beaming shortwave programming worldwide since 1985.

Sumrall also was pastor of the Christian Center Cathedral of Praise in South Bend.

He is survived by three sons, Frank, Stephen and Peter. Services for Sumrall will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Christian Center Cathedral of Praise. Burial will follow at Southlawn Cemetery in South Bend.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Ervin "Pappy" Papenbrock, 79, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LIGONIER — Mary Elizabeth Kistler, 76, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Marjorie H. Eshelman, 83, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.



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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1996

Helen Varner

Helen Varner, 91, of Tekonsha, Michigan died Thursday, May 2, 1996 at the Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan.

Services celebrating the life of Mrs. Varner will be held a 3:30 p.m. Monday., May 6, 1996 at Putnam's of Tekonsha. The Pastor John F. Cail will officiate and the interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Tekonsha.

Friends may call at Putnam's of Tekonsha from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

Mrs. Varner was born on November 14, 1904 in Auburn, Indian, the daughter of Clarence and Pluma (Stafford) Berry. On January 18, 1925 she married Harold Varner in auburn, he survives.

Mrs. Varner and her husband moved from Indiana to Michigan in 1938 to farm. She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star, O.E.S. Chapter #324. Mr. and Mrs. Varner traveled extensively to visit other chapters. She attended the Baptist Church in Tekonsha. Her hobbies included gardening, flowers, bowling, and golf.

She is survived by husband Harold of Tekonsha; three sons Victor H. Varner of Frankfort, N., Clarence J. Varner of Marshall, Richard K. Varner of Myrtle Beach S.C.; daughter Betty A. Borr of Portage; 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and two brothers Ralph and Russell Berry, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

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The Evening Star, Tues., June 18, 1996

Deaths/Funerals

John Pearce Sr.

AUBURN — John William Pearce Sr., 78, died Monday at 9:21 p.m. in his Auburn home.

He was self-employed as an engineering and industrial consultant, working for Raetheon Co. and the U.S. Defense Department in Washington, D.C., during World War II. He also worked for ITT, Flint & Walling in Kendallville, and Ion Capacitators of Columbia City. He was a night supervisor at Auburn Foundry for seven years before his retirement in 1981.

He formed his own consulting agency, O.J. Consultants, in his retirement. He worked at Majestic Corp. and the new Magnetek building, both in Huntington. His most recent work was for Harris Kayak boat company in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, and lived in Auburn for 24 years. He was a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ambassador for senior citizens in DeKalb County.

He was born Oct. 2, 1918, in Kokomo, to the late William Frederick and Leona Mae Pearce.

He married Olive Irene Maggart on Jan. 1, 1937, in Kokomo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John William Pearce Jr. of Indianapolis; three daughters, Marcia Anne Hulbert of Dolan Springs, Ariz., Stacy Jeanne Pearce of Fort Wayne, and Gina Watkins of Virginia; one sister, Helen Peter of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, George, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Lloyd Bickel of Trinity Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in a family cemetery in Kokomo at a later date.

Charles Feasel

FORT WAYNE — Charles G. Feasel, 76, died Monday at 1:58 a.m. in his Fort Wayne home, following an illness of several months.

He retired in 1975 after 28 years with Transport Motor Express. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army in the Philippine theater.

He was a member of Decatur Moose Lodge 1311, the Harvey Lewis American Legion Post in Ohio City, Ohio, and the Van Wert, Ohio, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Feasel was born June 2, 1920, in Blue Creek Township, Adams County, to the late John A. and Esther (Riesen) Feasel.

He married Betty L. Foughty on July 3, 1941, and

she died May 3, 1972. He married Wilma Fickertt in August 1972, and she died April 1, 1984. He married Loretta Cody Westphal on Oct. 20, 1990, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Charleen Wolfe of Hudson and Esther Kolter of Fort Wayne; three sons, Garry Feasel of Fort Wayne, the Rev. Ernest G. Feasel of Logansport, and David R. Feasel of Venice, Fla.; one brother, Robert Feasel of Decatur; one sister, Dorothy Mann of Fort Pierce, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after noon. The Rev. Ernest G. Feasel will officiate. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Ohio City post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ralph Kitterman

AUBURN — Ralph F Kitterman, 89, died today at 1:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Kitterman was a civil engineer and worked at U.S. Steel Corp./Garyworks in Gary. He was Sunday school superintendent and trustee at Hobart United Methodist Church, where was a member.

He was born Nov. 7, 1906, in Blackford County to Charles and Mary (Beesley) Kitterman.

On May 31, 1930, he married Ruth Kelley in Blackford County. She preceded him in death in 1990.

Mr. Kitterman is survived by two daughters, Kay A. Finchum of Auburn and Mary M. Nutter of Los Angeles; a son, Thomas W. Kitterman of Tallahassee, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Jim Finchum of Garrett and Michelle Nutter of Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by three half-sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating.

Burial will be in Asbury Chapel Cemetery in Hartford City.

Memorial gifts to Hobart United Methodist Church are preferred.

Anthony Wiecinski

ANGOLA — Anthony Wiecinski, 48, died Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

A laborer, he was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam.

He was born June 13, 1948, in Ludwigsburg, Germany, to Zenon and Halina (Rozmyslowicz) Wiecinski. They survive him.

He also is survived by one brother, Richard Wiecinski of Hamilton; and two sisters, Barbara Wiecinski of Chicago and Sophie Hoover of Laurel, Md.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes. The Rev. Thomas E. Smith will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, with graveside rites by American Legion Post 31 of Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Margaret G. Mair**, 93, of Howe, died at 4:30 a.m. Monday at her residence. No funeral services or visitation.

ALPINE, Texas — **Margaret Sautter**, 74, of Alpine, Texas, a former Kendallville resident, died June 6 in Alpine. Graveside services were held June 10 in Alpine.

COLUMBIA CITY — **John B. Stetler**, 92, of Columbia City, a former Churubusco resident, died at 6:35 a.m. Monday in Columbia City. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Lucille V. Davis**, 72, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Olis Stoy

ASHLEY — Olis J. Stoy, 86, of Ashley, died at 5:27 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Hamilton on Aug. 10, 1909, to Frank and Neva (Little) Stoy. On Nov. 27, 1929, in Auburn, he married Hope E. Miller. She survives.

Mr. Stoy had moved to Angola from Ashley 27 years ago. He was a 1929 graduate of Ashley High School and a 1935 graduate of International Business College. He was retired from farming in the Ashley and DeKalb County area after 39 years. He also was retired from Yost Construction Co. in Decatur after 10 years.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Dean Stoy of Spencerville; a sister, Mary Axtel of Auburn; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation. Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice or the American Heart Association.

Envelopes are available at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, which is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **John J. Tuttle**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today.

Stella Aeschliman

BLUFFTON — Stella Aeschliman, 73, of Bluffton, died Wednesday at 8:13 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a retired employee of the Wells Community Hospital and a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, Bluffton.

She was born in Wells County on July 28, 1922, to James and Rachel (McFarren) Meddix, who are deceased.

On Nov. 9, 1940, in Bluffton, she married Ervin Aeschliman. He survives in Bluffton.

Also surviving are three sons, Ervin Jr. of Auburn, Samuel A. II of Waterloo, and David R. of Bluffton; two daughters, Mrs. Arno (Ella) "Cookie" Sonnenberg and Mrs. Thomas (Cammie) Bailey, both of Ossian; three sisters, Mrs. Sam (Jeanette) Krummen, Mrs. Kathryn Bricker and Mrs. (Woodrow) Lucille Kiefer, all of Bluffton; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Apostolic Christian Church, East, Bluffton, with Edwin Schwartz Jr. and Phil Stettner officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m., or Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gateway Woods children's home, Leo, or Christian Care Retirement.

Dale Ogle

FREMONT — Dale E. Ogle, 58, died Wednesday at 6 a.m. at his Fremont home.

He was a sales manager for Kinetico Water Systems.

He was born Aug. 22, 1937, in Sheridan to Chester and Rosalie (Hawkins) Ogle. They survive him.

His wife of 16 years, Linda (Mycek) Ogle, also survives him.

Other survivors include one son, Jeff Ogle of Angola; two stepsons, Eddie Ridley of Benton, Ark., and Patrick Ridley, at home; one daughter, Mrs. Pete (Teri) Bozettarnik of Charlotte, N.C.; one stepdaughter, Katherine Ridley of LaPorte; one brother, David Ogle of Indianapolis; and one sister, Mrs. Jerry (Linda) Bailey of Lawrenceville, Ga.

A memorial service begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola. Father JP Carver will officiate. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

There will be no visitation. Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Friday Star *Friday, June 18, 1996 cont'd*

Heber Getts

HAMILTON — Heber Getts, 81, died Tuesday at 8:10 a.m. in his Hamilton home.

Mr. Getts was a retired Franklin Township farmer, and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church. He worked at Tri-Wall

container company near Butler for nine years, retiring in 1976.

He was born July 6, 1914, in Pulaski County to William Ellis and Margaret (Morr) Getts.

He married Edith Hollinger on Sept. 28, 1935, in the Waterloo Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard and Ronald Getts of Hamilton; four daughters, Carolyn Ginder of Hometown, Pat Erwin of Butler, Helen Casebere of Butler, and Ellen Miller of Belleair Beach, Fla.; one brother, William Getts of Abilene, Texas; one son-in-law, Howard Troyer of Butler; 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Gloria Troyer; two sisters, Josephine Holsinger and Mildred Thomson; a son-in-law, Morris Casebere; and a great-grandson, Justin Getts.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach, pastor of Butler United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial gifts to Butler United Methodist Church are preferred.

E. Sylvia McDonald

LOGANSPOORT — E. Sylvia McDonald, 78, died Wednesday at 7:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

A Logansport resident, she had worked at RBM in Logansport for 10 years. She also worked for Oldsen's Department Store in Logansport for five years and at a W.T. Grant Store.

She was a member of Fidelity chapter of Order of Eastern Star in Logansport, Phi Tau Lambda Sorority, Ladies of the Moose, Ladies Auxiliary of the Murat Shrine and Fraternal Order of Eagles. She was a former member of the Ninth Street Christian Church. She was president of the Eel River Girl Scouts in the 1950s.

She was born June 14, 1918, in Cass County to John and Elizabeth (Miller) Overmyer.

She married Robert McDonald in February 1940 in Logansport, and he died in June 1987.

Surviving are one son, Harry Fouts of Waterloo; two brothers, John "Jack" Overmyer of Logansport and Benjamin Overmyer of Texas; four sisters, Ella Day of Chattanooga, Tenn., Myrtle McKeever of Flora, Betty Sutton of Macy, and Norma Jean Mitchum of Winter Park Fla.; two granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-8 p.m. in Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jim Beaumont officiating. Burial will be in Cline Cemetery, Royal Center.

Memorial contributions may be given to any favorite charity.

The Evening Star, Fri., June 21, 1996

Deaths/Funerals

Blanche Julian

ANGOLA — Blanche L. Julian, 96, died Thursday at 3:50 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

A homemaker, she lived in Angola for 67 years. She wintered in Palm in Pine Park, Fort Myers, Fla., for more than 30 years.

She was a past matron and 50-year member of the Pleasant Lake Chapter of the Eastern Star, and a 50-year member of the Home Extension Club. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ, West End Birthday Club, Silver Lake Ladies Aid and Babes 'N Woods camping group.

She was born Dec. 24, 1899, in Auburn to Reuben and Manda (Lacey) Clorise.

On May 15, 1926, she married Paul Julian. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She is survived by one son, Max Julian of Angola; one daughter, Janice Nilson of Angola; 11 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

one son, Harold Koch, on Aug. 3, 1988, two brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. An Eastern Star service begins at 6:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield and the Rev. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Pleasant View Church of Christ Building Fund.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — Bessie Marie Gordon, 92, died Thursday. Services will be a 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. for star



Deaths/Funerals

Larry Mann

ANGOLA — Larry G. Mann, 50, died at 9:15 a.m. Friday in Parker Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

The DeKalb County native was born Sept. 7, 1945, to Paul and Evelyn (Norrick) Mann. His father died Oct. 28, 1970, and his mother, Evelyn Pollock, and stepfather, Robert Pollock, survive in Angola.

Mann worked for Rise Inc. of Angola from 1970-1985.

Other survivors are two brothers, Jerry Mann of Angola and Gary Mann of Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, with David Payne of the Church of Christ offi-

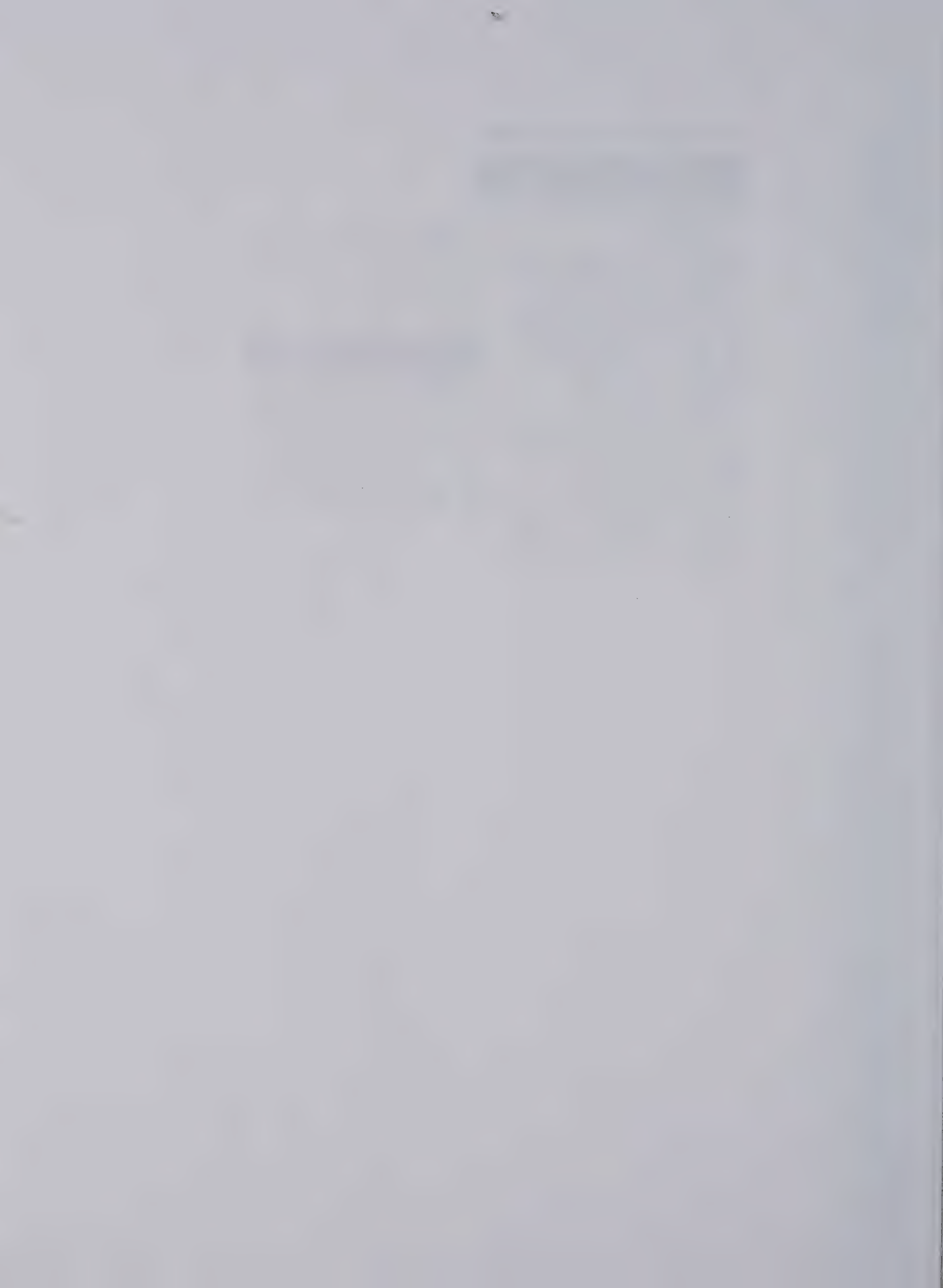
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Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to Rise Inc. of Angola.

Area Deaths

BRISTOL — Darrell A. Getz, 66, of Bristol, died Wednesday. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the Bristol Chapel of Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Monday in Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.



Deaths/Funerals

Lester Hartman

ASHLEY — Lester F. Hartman, 90, died Monday at 3:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hartman was a lifelong Fairfield Township farmer and lived on State Road 4, Ashley. He was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, in rural Ashley, where he was a former church board member, a Sunday School teacher, and church treasurer for 15 years. He was a former member of the Fairfield Township Advisory Board, serving for 20 years.

He was born Oct. 29, 1905, in Fairfield Township to the late William and Ethel (Daniels) Hartman.

He married Vergie Vian Groh on June 18, 1927, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John E. of Hudson; one daughter, Nina Dove of Auburn; one brother, Verl Hartman of Auburn; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mary Lou Hartman, and two brothers, Raymond and Kenneth, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday From 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. The Rev. Don Jordan and the Rev. Israel Gordon will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Violet Platter

ASHLEY — Violet J. Platter, 79, died Sunday at 6:46 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Platter was a retired bookkeeper, working for Roanoke Elevator, W&W Concrete in Roanoke, Club Olympia in Fort Wayne, and Fort Wayne Engraving. She was a member of the Alvarado United Methodist Church and the Northeastern Center. She was a 50-year member of the Rebekah Lodge, active in the Laud, Ind., lodge and Lodge 315 in Hamilton. She was a 4-H leader in Whitley County.

She was born May 30, 1917, in Auburn to the late O.D. and Mary Anna (Keller) Baker.

She married Coral G. Platter on April 17, 1937, in Fort Wayne, and he died Sept. 17, 1987.

Surviving are one son, Richard E. of Bronson, Mich.; two daughters, Peggy Schroeder and Karen Scheumann, both of Columbia City; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Lester Baker, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A Rebekah Lodge service will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ross Cook of Nappanee will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Northeastern Center.



Deaths/Funerals

Oral Traxler

CAREY, Ohio — Oral Imo Gail Traxler, 83, died Monday at 8:40 a.m. in Wyandot County Nursing Home at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, after a lengthy illness.

She was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria in the Carey public schools for 14 years, retiring in 1984. She was a 1931 graduate of Wharton High School.

Mrs. Traxler was born Oct. 22, 1912, in Wharton, Ohio, to the late Ray V. and Flossie (McEvoy) Bristoll.

She married Gerald G. Traxler on July 3, 1931, and he died Aug. 6, 1984.

Surviving are three sons, John Michael of Auburn, James D. of Carey, and Monte G. of Tallahassee, Fla.; one daughter, Kathleen Mills of Carey; three sisters, Viola Gibson and Maxine Hendricks, both of Carey, and Mary Jo Oppen-Davis of Auburn; one brother, Thomas Bristoll of Findlay, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

One son, Donald R., one sister, L. Loretta Inman, and one grandson, Donald Eugene Traxler, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Stombaugh Memorial Funeral Home, Carey, Ohio.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Sharrett officiating. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Carey.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Florence Bowman

HART, Mich. — Florence Elizabeth Bowman, 87, died June 15 at the Oceania County Medical Care Facility in Hart, Mich.

In early adulthood, she taught elementary school in Michigan. She was married to the Rev. Charles W. Bowman, and was a teacher, musician and helpmate in Church of the Nazarene congregations in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana and New York. In 1972, they retired to Hart, where she was active in church endeavors.

She was born Feb. 12, 1909, in Maple City, Mich., to John David and Mary Daise Bright. She was the last survivor of six children of that marriage.

She is survived by her son, the Rev. David B. Bowman of Angola; a half-sister, Jeanette Wedow of Kinde, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Kirk Bowman of London, England; and Moira Bowman and Rachael Bowman, both of Portland, Ore.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hart on Sunday. The minister in charge was the Rev. Bruce Kintigh of the Hart United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Bailey, of the Hart Church of the Nazarene, participated. The Rev. David Bowman delivered the memorial meditation.

Memorial gifts may be made to The First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, for the purpose of establishing a Belfry Bell Fund, subject to the approval of the trustees and church council of the church.

Shirley Meinberg

ROME CITY — Shirley M. Meinberg, 60, of Rome City, died at 12:03 a.m. Tuesday in an auto accident at Ind. 3 and Ohio Street in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on May 20, 1936, to Willis and Amelia (Harding) Knott. She married George Hayes and he preceded her in death. In 1970, she married Earl Meinberg in Highland. They were later divorced.

Mrs. Meinberg, a lifetime area resident, was a cook and worked at T.D. Shea. She was a member of the Baptist Church and Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving are two daughters, Dawn Hayes and Margaret Hayes, both of Rome City; two sons, Duane Hayes of Kendallville, and George Hayes of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sisters, Dena Abbit of Battle Creek, Mich., Reba Kilborn of Union City, Mich., and Treva Chilcote of Pleasant Lake; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Nagy, on Aug. 25, 1995.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Garland Slone of Helmer Independent Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 1-4 and 6-8

Area Deaths

p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

ALBION — **Freida L. McCoy**, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Blue River Church of the Brethren, Columbia City. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Russell B. "Buster" Thacker**, 64, died Tuesday in an auto accident in Kendallville. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

LAGRANGE — **Keith E. Steider**, 32, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with calling there from 7-9 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Thursday.



Deaths/Funerals

Betty Williams

ANGOLA — Betty F. Williams, 85, died Wednesday in Life Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She moved to Fort Wayne six months ago from Angola, where she was a farmer. She attended Lake Gage Congregational Church.

She was born May 13, 1911, in DeKalb County to Vern and Myrtle (Cassleman) Hill. She married Kenneth Williams. Her husband preceded her in death in 1957.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded by three brothers, Homar Hill, William Hill and Richard Hill; and one sister, Lavonne Mowery.

A graveside service and burial took place today at East Springfield Cemetery, Springfield Township, LaGrange County. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiated.

Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Dorothy I. Evans

BUTLER — Dorothy I. Evans, 81, of Butler died Tuesday evening at the Meadowhaven Health Care Center.

A homemaker, she was born in Pomona, Calif., on Dec. 7, 1915, to Edwin M. and Edna M. (Churchill) Frazer.

She married Belton J. Evans on Sept. 21, 1947, in Reno, Nev. He preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 1977.

She is survived by one son, Albert Strong of Idaho and four daughters: Janice Asperen of Anderson, Calif.; Evelyn Anderson of Austin, Texas; Susan Gray of Lompoc, Calif. and Patricia McRoberts of Butler. Other survivors are 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Wilson; one daughter, Joyce Davis; one brother, Ronald Fraser; and one sister, Marjorie Moore.

There will be no calling or visitation. Burial will take place in the Evergreen Cemetery at Lompac, Calif., at an unspecified later date.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct previous information.

Shirley Meinberg

ROME CITY — Shirley M. Meinberg, 60, of Rome City, died at 12:03 a.m. Tuesday in an auto accident at Ind. 3 and Ohio Street in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on May 20, 1936, to Willis and Amelia (Harding) Knott. She married George Hayes and he preceded her in death. In 1970, she married Earl Meinberg in Highland. They were later divorced.

Mrs. Meinberg, a lifetime area resident, was a cook and worked at T.D. Shea. She was a member of the Baptist Church and Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving are two daughters, Dawn Hayes and Margaret Hayes, both of Rome City; two sons, Duane Hayes of Kendallville, and George Hayes of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sisters, Dena Abbit of Battle Creek, Mich., Reba Kilborn of Union City, Mich., and Irene Chilcote of Pleasant Lake; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Nagy, on Aug. 25, 1995.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Garland Slone of Helmer Independent Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Winifred Tackett

KENDALLVILLE — Winifred L. "Donna" Tackett, 65 of Kendallville, died at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill since January.

She was born June 19, 1931, in Liberty Center, Ohio, to David and Murtle (Sharpe) Gallagher. On March 11, 1957, in Kendallville, she married Earl Tackett. He survives.

Mrs. Tackett moved from Ohio to this area 42 years ago. She retired from No-Sag after 28 years of service. She was a member of the House of Prayer in Corunna, where her husband is the minister.

Surviving are three daughters, Janet Allen and Carol McDaniels, both of Kendallville, and Linda Capacy of Waterloo; two sons, Shelton Tackett of Powhatan, Va., and Gerald "Jerry" Tackett of Waterloo; a brother, Gerald Gallagher of Brandon, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Ludeman; and a grandson, Jon Elliott.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the House of Prayer, Corunna, with the Rev. Sheridan Hall and the Rev. Yvonne Brown officiating. Burial will be Corunna Cemetery.

Visitation is after 1 p.m. Friday in the church where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — Gertrude Abbott, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Friday.

STROH — Anna E. Kocher, 88, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Stroh Church of God, Stroh. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

The Evening Star, Fri., June 28, 1996,

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Phillips

AUBURN — Dorothy C. Phillips, 80, of Auburn, died at 6 a.m. Thursday in her residence.

She was born April 12, 1916, in Ashley to Marion B. and Frances (Montgomery) Clark. On Dec. 25, 1937, in Ashley, she married Wiley J. Phillips. He survives.

Mrs. Phillips was a 1934 graduate of Ashley High School and a 1935 graduate of Tri-State College. She moved to Auburn from Ashley in 1970. She became co-owner of Phillips Buildings in Auburn in 1973. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ where she was organist and pianist for 57 years before retiring in 1985. She was a member and past matron of Ashley O.E.S. 229, Past Matrons Club, and a member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since its inception and an officer of its council.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Timothy (Linda) Colbart of Auburn, and Mrs.

Peter (Nancy) Kirschner of Belleville, Mich.; four grandsons, Robert Kirschner, Matthew Kirschner, Brett Colbart and Douglas Colbart; and three great-grandsons, Damon Colbart, Nathan Kirschner and Seth Kirschner.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Phillips, in 1961; a grandson, Mark Colbart in 1965; and a brother, Robert Clark in 1928.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, with Bryan Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Visitation is from noon until 9 p.m. on Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Ashley OES or Spectre Home Health Care of DeKalb County.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of funeral arrangements.



The Evening Star, Sat., June 29, 1996

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Phillips

AUBURN — Dorothy C. Phillips, 80, of Auburn, died Thursday at 6 a.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Phillips was a 1934 graduate of Ashley High School and a 1935 graduate of Tri-State College. She moved to Auburn from Ashley in 1970. She became co-owner of Phillips Buildings in Auburn in 1973. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, where she was organist and pianist for 57 years before retiring in 1985. She was a member and past matron of Ashley Order of Eastern Star 229, Past Matrons Club, and a member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since its inception and an offi-

cer of its council.

She was born April 12, 1916, in Ashley to the late Marion B. and Frances (Montgomery) Clark.

On Dec. 25, 1937, in Ashley, she married Wiley J. Phillips. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Linda (Mrs. Timothy) Colbart of Auburn, and Nancy (Mrs. Peter) Kirchner of Belleville, Mich.; four grandsons, Robert Kirchner, Matthew Kirchner, Brett Colbart and Douglas Colbart; and three great-grandsons, Damon Colbart, Nathan Kirchner and Seth Kirchner.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Phillips, in 1961; a

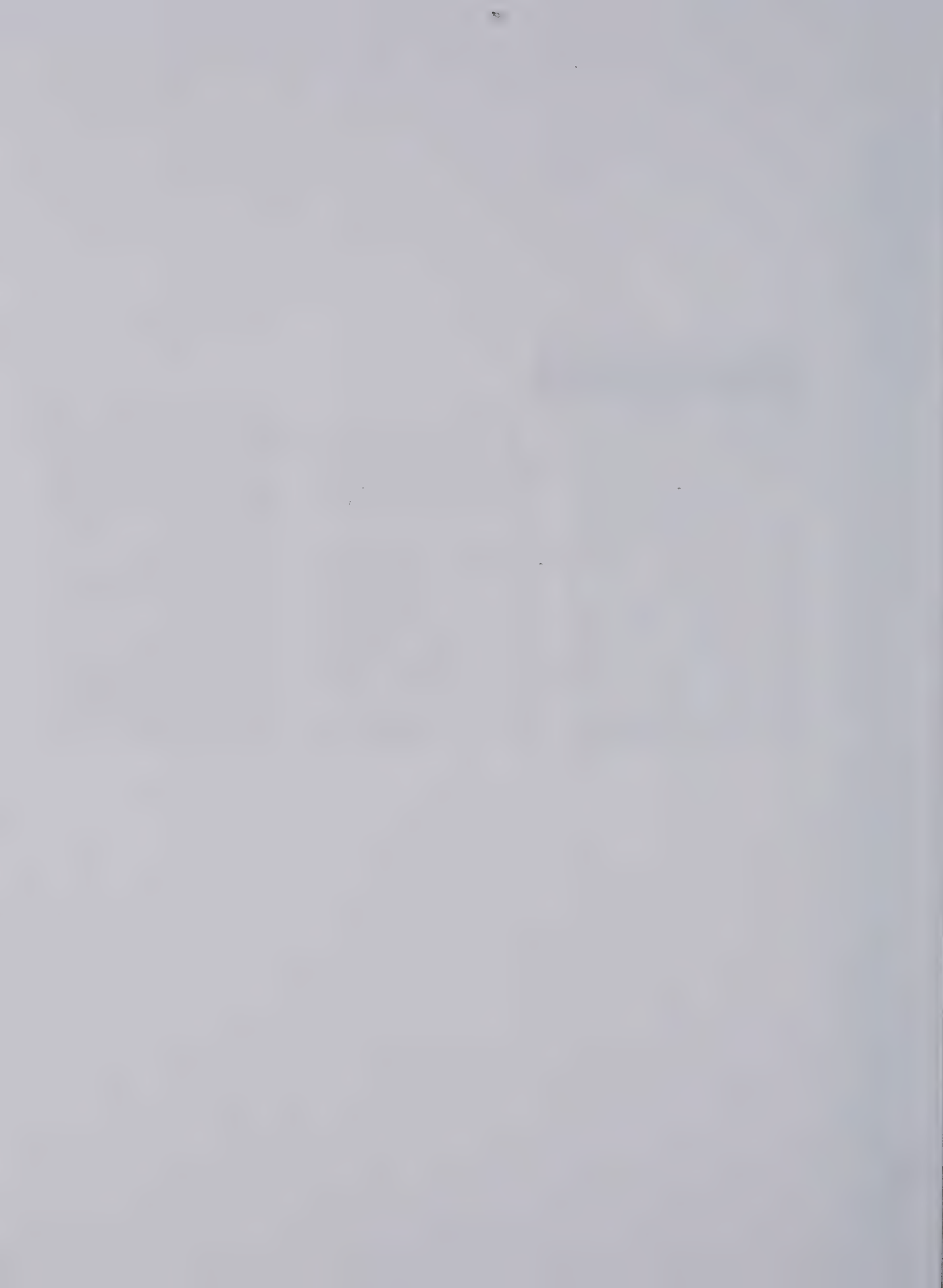
grandson, Mark Colbart in 1965; and a brother, Robert Clark in 1928.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. The Ashley Order of Eastern Star 299 will conduct a service Sunday at 8 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Ashley OES or SpectraCare of DeKalb Home Health Services.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.



Deaths/Funerals

Walter Freeman

HUNTERTOWN — Walter Lee Freeman, 67, died Sunday at 4:45 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Freeman was an excavating contractor, owning and operating W.L. Freeman Excavating and Bulldozing in Huntertown for 30 years. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946 and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict. He moved back to Huntertown in 1961 and was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, where he served as Sunday School superintendent for 15 years.

He was born July 11, 1928, in Huntertown to Charles and Edith (Harrold) Freeman. His mother survives in Huntington and his father is deceased.

He married Norrissa Adreon on June 26, 1952, in Lexington, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Charles of Angola, Scottie and Jeffrey, both of Avilla, and Douglas of LaOtto; two brothers, Harold of Phoenix and James of Albion; three sisters, Joyce Hand of Roanoke, Jean Wappes of Garrett and Sharon Myjak of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

One sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in LaOtto Wesleyan Church, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. The Rev. Lois and the Rev. James Watkins, pastors of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Armella Blew

ANGOLA — Armella B. Blew, 78, died Friday at her Angola home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merle Blew, on Feb. 20, 1974.

She is survived by one daughter, Joy Blew of Angola; three brothers, Ernest Coy and Ben Coy, both of Columbia City, and Bernard Coy;

and five sisters, Wilma Hearld, Helen Keller, Eilene Bentz, June Leslie and Charlotte McKenney.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Graveside services and burial will take place Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Southpark Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Steuben County Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Veronica M. "Cookie" Cook**, 84, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling 5-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

AVILLA — **Grace K. Meier**, 92, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Ohio time in Toledo, Ohio.

FORT WAYNE — **Joseph H. Baltes Jr.**, 55, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Esther H. Daseler**, 84, died Wednesday. Memorial services at 7 p.m. today in Unity Christ Church, 3232 Crescent Ave.

FORT WAYNE — **Nancy C. Reynolds**, 63, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Floyd Earl Yerington**, 74, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Mary M. DeHaven**, 95, died Saturday. No calling. Private graveside services.

FORT WAYNE — **Clara N. "Tweety" Horstman**, 79, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Fred K. Miller**, 63, died Friday. Services at noon Tuesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling there two hours before services.

FORT WAYNE — **Franklin W. Nash**, 68, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Willie Mae Porter**, 74, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Pilgrim

Baptist Church, 1331 Gay St., with calling 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Micheaux Funeral Home.

FORT WAYNE — **Doyle C. Snodderly Sr.**, 75, died Friday. Funeral services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Xaviar Taylor** was stillborn Wednesday. Graveside services were today in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Robert F. Suhr**, 52, died Friday. Services were today in Peoria, Ill.

FORT WAYNE — **Rex G. Ward**, 64, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Judith A. Wesley**, 52, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Charles Adamonis**, 71, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Henry Catholic Church, 2929 Paulding Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Dolores V. Householder**, 80, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Lewis E. Webb**, 71, died Saturday. Private family services.

FORT WAYNE — **Ben J. Williams**, 48, died June 27. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Ellis Funeral Home with calling there 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

GRABILL — **Robert M. Kipfer**, 74, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Led United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo-Cedarville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hockmeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

HARLAN — **Bernice M. Bickel**, 81, died June 15 in Texas. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Harp

PEORIA, Ill. — Robert Lyman Harp, 83, died Sunday at 2:45 p.m. in Americana Healthcare Center.

A Peoria resident, he was retired as a division manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co. He graduated from Kendallville High School and attended Purdue University.

He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. He was a member and past master of Kendallville Lodge 176, F.&A.M., a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Peoria, and past sovereign prince of Peoria Council of Princes of Jerusalem. He received the Meritorious Service Award in June 1977 in Rockford, Ill.

He was a member of Scottish Rite Choir for many years, and was a member and past patron of Creve Coeur Chapter 946, Order of Eastern Star.

He was a member and first president of Sears Retirees Club, a member and past president of Retired Master Masons Club, past member of the Mount Pleasant, Mich., Lions club, and was active for many years in church choirs and youth work.

Mr. Harp was born Aug. 4, 1912, in Kendallville to the late James D. and Pearl (Bowman) Harp.

He married Helen Damon on May 3, 1936, in Pontiac, and she died Dec. 13, 1992.

Surviving are one son-in-law, Jerry D. Wyeth; three granddaughters, Jennifer Wyeth, Angela Millen, and Jean-Marie Wyeth; one sister, Jeannette Souder of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Kay Wyeth, two sisters and one brother.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Cumerford-Endsley Memorial Home, 428 W. McClure Ave., Peoria.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral

home, with Senior Pastor John W. Queen Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery.

Donald Lepard

KENDALLVILLE — Donald E. Lepard, 67, died Monday at 7:59 a.m. in his Kendallville home.

Mr. Lepard was a truck driver for Buchan Logging Co., New Haven. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He was born Jan. 24, 1929, in Willard, Ohio, to the late Howard and Helen (Honsberger) Lepard.

Surviving are one son, Jeff of Auburn; two daughters, Chris Culliton and Dawn Harmon, both of Fort Wayne, one brother, Duane of Auburn; one sister, Doris E. Lepard-Dapp of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

One son, David, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Clara E. Boylard, 93, died Sunday. Private graveside services will be in New Haven.

COLUMBIA CITY — Lucy Ellen Clark, 84, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 11 a.m. until services Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. (Walter) Geerken, 67, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake

Ave., with calling there 7-9 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — Helen A. McCoy, 70, died Thursday. Private services will be held.

FORT WAYNE — Marsha M. Zimmerman Moody, 43, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour before services.

FORT WAYNE — Eleanor June Moser, 79, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — Gertrude B. Reiter, 93, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lutheran Home Chapel, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services at the chapel.

FORT WAYNE — Alida L. (Leininger) Speaker, 84, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Pendleton.

COLUMBIA CITY — Stephanie N. Farris, 19, died Sunday in a Whitley County auto accident. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Heber F. Rollins, 80, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

HARLAN — Joan A. Horn-Sheldon, 67, died June 30. Services at noon Wednesday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.



Deaths/Funerals

Vivian Cover

FREMONT — Vivian Leola Cover, 88, of Fremont, died at 11 a.m. Sunday at her residence.

She was a pioneer minister for Jehovah's Witnesses and a 1925 graduate of Elkhart High School.

Mrs. Cover was born July 12, 1907, in Elkhart to Lester and Sadie (Scott) Holmes.

Her husband, Arthur, preceded her in death in 1970.

A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. July 14 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with Michael Cook officiating.

Burial will follow at Shiffler Cemetery in Williams County, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to Jehovah Witnesses World Wide Work or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Martha Bard

AUBURN — Martha Anna Bard, 89, died Tuesday at 2:45 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a nurse and teacher in the United Brethren in Christ Mission Association, serving for 34 years in West Africa. She was a graduate of Indiana University and Huntington College and a member of the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church. She formerly lived at Wesley Park Apartments.

She was born May 18, 1907, in Richland County, Ohio, to the late Albert and Effie (Dellenbach) Bard.

Surviving are two foster sons, Samuel King of Highland Park, N.J., and David Bard of Sierre Leone, West Africa; one sister, Faith Myers of Grandville, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Spencer Bard, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Friday at 2 p.m. in the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Gladys Myers

BUTLER — Gladys A. Myers, 91, died Tuesday morning in Mariner Health Care Center in Winterhaven, Fla.

A homemaker, she moved to Florida from Butler in 1977. She was a former member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Myers was born March 2, 1905, in Putnam County, Ohio, to the late Lewis and Audrey (Kitchen) Reeder. Her husband, Russel, died Nov. 9, 1972.

Surviving are one son, Lewis W. of Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Myrtle Coney of Elkhart; two grandchildren, Sandra Herl of Lake Alfred, Fla., and Norman Myers of Coleman, Ala.; and three great-grandchildren, Ronald Herl, Ricky Hess and David Myers.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Maurice Vaughn

FORT WAYNE — Maurice A. "Mose" Vaughn, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Monday in University Park Nursing Center.

A native of Noble County, he retired in 1976 from Slater Steel after 40 years.

His wife, Selma E., preceded him in death in 1955.

Surviving are two daughters, Marcia R. Stevens of Bunnell, Fla., and Sharon K. Strong of Corunna; two sons, Larry M. Vaughn and James E. Vaughn, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Rodney Vaughn of Avilla; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Visitation is one hour before services Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorial are to Alzheimer's Association, 70 E. Lake St., Chicago, 60601-9971.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Donald William McMillan, 60, of Avilla, died unexpectedly Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Memorial services Saturday at 11 a.m. on the McMillan family property. No visitation.

AVILLA — Harley Ott, 93, of Avilla, died at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Funeral services at 1 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Calling 3-7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — Inez Eddwina Nickerson, 102, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling from 9 a.m. until service time.



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Amoriel Chorpenning

AUBURN — Amoriel V. "Amy" Chorpenning, 83, died Wednesday at 3:05 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Chorpenning was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, where she was an adult Sunday School teacher and member of the Ladies Missionary Society. She was a member of the DeKalb County Council on Aging, Jackson Township Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and Sixth District Fire Department.

She was born June 6, 1913, in Fort Wayne to the late John and Anna (Stitz) Keener.

She married Oakley Chorpenning in 1930 in Auburn, and he died in 1979.

Surviving are two sons, John L. of Hamilton and Perry A. of Waterloo; one daughter, G. Lavalle Timmerman of Auburn; one sister, Beatrice Brock of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Vernon and Rutherford, and one sister, Gwendolyn, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Burrus of Indian Village Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the Jackson Township Fire Department.

Ila Shough

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ila Rose Shough, 75, died Thursday at 12:05 p.m. in Meadowhaven Healthcare Center, Butler, where she had resided for 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Shough was a homemaker and a 1939 graduate of Mark Center High School. She graduated from Fort Wayne Bible School (now Taylor University) in 1941. She lived in Hicksville and was a member of Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church and the Rosedale Club.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Mark Center, Ohio, to the late Sherman and Flossie (Hane) Breiningner.

She married Delbert Shough on June 14, 1942, in Mark Center, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Rosemary Hull of Hicksville, two sons, Allen of Butler and George of Mark Center, and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday after 2 p.m., Sunday after noon and Monday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Methodist Church, the American Heart Association or Gideons International.

Peggy Wood

HUDSON — Peggy Wood, 86, died at 5:40 a.m. Thursday in Renaissance Village, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Ossian, Nov. 27, 1909, to Alvin and Julia (Tracey) Hart. On Jan. 21, 1928, in Hudson, she married Walter Woods. He preceded her in death March 27, 1986.

Mrs. Wood, a homemaker, had lived in the Hudson area more than 50 years.

Surviving are two sisters, Reatha Conrad and Verna Noirot, both of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Merland Hart of Hudson and Harold Hart of Oklahoma.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Tom Watt officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 3-6 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Greta Harding

GARRETT — Greta E. Harding, 83, died Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Harding worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 13 1/2 years, retiring Sept. 1, 1974. She lived in Garrett and was a member of First Church of Christ, Garrett, the Order of Eastern Star and GE Elects Club. She was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and Garrett Eagles, and attended activities at the Heimach Senior Center, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 8, 1912, in Garrett to the late Johannes and Amanda (Schemelia) Kock.

She married Harvey W. Harding on Oct. 2, 1932, in Garrett and he died Sept. 13, 1962.

Surviving are one son, William of Wichita, Kan.; one daughter, June (Mrs. David) Ennis of Kendallville; one brother, William Kock of Garrett; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Richard, two brothers, Henry and John Kock, and three sisters, Kathryn Kolbe, Lucille Houser and Lillie Peters.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the Sacred Heart Home.



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Kathryn Sweet

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn E. Sweet, 75, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 1 a.m. Thursday in her home.

She was born in Kendallville, June 13, 1921, to Herbert and Lillian (Murray) Wagner. On Jan. 24, 1940, in Avilla, she married Dale W. Sweet. He survives.

Mrs. Sweet, a lifetime Kendallville resident, was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was also a volunteer for the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Jane Sweet of Kendallville, Mrs. Donald (Dale) Szeman of Angola, and Mrs. Michael (Carol) Boger of Auburn; a son, Charles Sweet of Bloomington; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Rena Hanes

WOLCOTTVILLE — Rena R. Hanes, 94, of Wolcottville, died at 9:06 a.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. She had been in failing health one year.

She was born in Ashley, Aug. 13, 1901, to Samuel and Mary Alice (McClish) Perkins. On Dec. 28, 1925, in Corunna, she married Cecil L. Hanes. He preceded her in death July 5, 1942.

Mrs. Hanes, a homemaker, was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley.

Surviving are three daughters, Beatrice Pence of Garrett, Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Fordyce of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Edward (Phyllis) Hines of Marcellus, Mich.; two sisters, Bessie Miller of Wolcottville, and Ruth Stackhouse of Kendallville; a brother, Ford Perkins of Hudson; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Cecil Hanes Jr.; a daughter, Berniece Hanes; two brothers, Russell Perkins and Clarence Perkins; and two sisters, Mabel Getts and Inez Perkins.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Harley Middleton

ALBION — Harley H. Middleton, 86, of Albion, died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in his residence.

He was born Nov. 15, 1909, in Sheboygon, Mich., to Francis M. and Grace (Leroy) Middleton. In 1931, he married Kathryn Ganger in Rome City. She survives.

Mr. Middleton was a 50-year resident of the Albion area. He retired after more than 50 years as a farmer. He was a member of Albion Eagles Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Dale Middleton of Albion, and Duane Middleton of Kendallville; two daughters, Peggy Hartman of Mentone, and Judy Mote of Corunna; 16 grandchildren; a sister, Hazel Starrett of Angola; two step-grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Middleton, in 1978; one sister; and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Edna K. Wildey officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Albion Eagles Lodge.

Robert Wisniewski Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Wisniewski Jr., 49, of LaOtto, died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

He was born in Fort Wayne, Dec. 1, 1946, to Robert and Irene J. (Hoevel) Wisniewski. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wisniewski had lived in the LaOtto community 11 years. He was retired from Dana Corp. and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are his wife, Diana; his mother, three daughters, Lori Winhover and Casey I. Wisniewski, both of Antwerp, Ohio, and Janet McCalla of Hicksville, Ohio; two stepsons, Jack E. Magner of Kendallville, and Jeremy Magner of San Diego, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Kimberly S. Loghamer of New Haven, and Heather L. Magner of LaOtto; two sisters, Rita Bell and Ann Pollock, both of Hicksville, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Black

ANGOLA — Marjorie L. Black, 76, died Friday in her Angola home.

Mrs. Black retired as a nurses' aide at Cameron Memorial Hospital in 1993. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ and the Angola American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born in Winchester on Jan. 13, 1920, the daughter of Raymond C. and Pearl (Collins) Rector.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Flinn, in 1961 and by her second husband, Bobby O. Black, in 1971.

Surviving are one son, Michael F. Flinn of Marion; three stepsons, David L. Black and Greg Black, both of Fort Wayne, and Todd Black of Angola; one daughter, Patricia Boots of Hudson; three stepdaughters, Donna Hollbaugh of Spencerville, Sharon Hankins of Leo and Teresa Kennedy of Fremont; one sister, Betty Trosper of Winchester; one brother, Donald Hesser of Winchester; numerous grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Elvin and Carl Rector.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, where calling takes place Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate at the service. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Alvin Sindel

ST. JOE — Alvin Sindel, 82, of Fourth Street, St. Joe, died Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Sindel was a former employee of the Garrett water department.

He was born Sept. 29, 1913, in Bryan, Ohio, to Clarence and Grace Sindel, who are deceased.

He is survived by three sons, John of Defiance, Ohio, Charles of Toledo, Ohio, and Tom of DeWitt, Mich.; three daughters, Mary Samocha of Portland, Ore., Adrene Wygnoick of Detroit, Mich., and Wanda Helton of Auburn; a brother, Oakley Sindel of Florida; a sister, Opal Onstatt of Hicksville, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Michael, Jenny and Tommy Sindel.

There will be no calling or funeral services.

Burial will take place Tuesday in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Norris Lehman

ANGOLA — Norris D. Lehman, 74, president of the Steuben County Board of Commissioners and a longtime county employee, died unexpectedly of natural causes Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lehman's career as a county official spanned more than three decades, and he lived in the county for more than 50 years. A Republican, he was completing his second four-year term as the county's Middle District commissioner.

Before holding elected office, Mr. Lehman had served as the county's chief sanitarian for 28 years, drove a bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County and worked as a farmer. He also had served on the county 4-H and drainage boards.

Mr. Lehman was born May 11, 1922, in Monroe to Manas and Sylvia (Hendricks) Lehman, who preceded him in death. On May 2, 1943, he married Gladys Arnold, who survives at home in Angola.

Mr. Lehman was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236 and the Angola York Rite.

Also surviving are three sons, Roger Lehman of Pleasant Lake, Delbert Lehman of Angola and Larry Lehman of Hamilton; one daughter, Shirley Thrush of Orland; one brother, the Rev. Olin Lehman of Mesa, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two grandchildren, Karrie and Lewis Lehman, preceded him in death.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. today in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Olin Lehman and the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association.

Don Longworth

HELMER — Don C. Longworth, 70, of McClish Lake, died Friday at 4 p.m. in his residence after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 18, 1926, to Forrest and Nettie (Lehman) Longworth in Fort Wayne.

On June 6, 1975, in Hudson he married Loretta Garey, who survives.

Mr. Longworth was a U.S. Air Force veteran who retired after 22 years with the rank of technical sergeant. He then worked as a machine operator at Reliable Tool of Kendallville for 17 years.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree), and American Legion Post 423.

Also surviving are two brothers, Harold and Howard "Tommy" Longworth, both of Fort Wayne.

One brother, Ned Longworth, preceded him in death.

A funeral Mass will be Monday at 1 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Big Long Lake, where visitation will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. and the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

There will be visitation at the church one hour before the Mass.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Allen County Cancer Society, or to Compicare Hospice.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Robert D. Parker, 68, died Friday. Calling at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco Sunday from 2-8 p.m. Albion Lodge 97, F&AM, services at 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, where the service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday.

LIGONIER — Jack L. Graham, 69, died Friday. Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

LIGONIER — Harold W. Shock, 83, died Friday. The funeral service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, where calling is from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Roger Treesh

AUBURN — Roger Treesh, 75, died Saturday at 5:25 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Treesh retired in 1977 from International Harvester with 30 years of service. He lived in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Calvary Temple, Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 8, 1923, in Auburn to the late Pete and Ethal (Helmer) Treesh.

He married Hilda Grate on June 27, 1946, in Angola, and she died Aug. 16, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Max of Fort Worth, Texas, and Rex of Auburn; one daughter, Karen Carpenter of Auburn; three brothers, Bill of Fort Wayne, Bob of Chicago, and Nick of California; one sister, Betty; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or the Heimach Senior Center.

Alexis Dimke

FORT WAYNE — Alexis Renee Dimke was stillborn Thursday at 3:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving are her parents, Keith and Teri (Martin) Dimke of Fort Wayne; one brother, Mitchell Dimke, at home; and her grandparents, Carroll and Dano Dimke, Diane Leonardson, and Al Martin, all of Fort Wayne.

A graveside service was conducted today at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Kleinschmidt officiating.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Eugene Butler

BATON ROUGE, La. — Eugene Jerome "Mick" Butler, 70, died Sunday at 3:50 a.m. in Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Mr. Butler lived in Baton Rouge for 50 years. He retired in 1994 after serving 30 years with the Louisiana Department of Special Education. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

He was born Feb. 2, 1926, in Auburn to the late Ralph and Beatrice (Hinsey) Butler.

He married Laura Elizabeth Bobo in Ringgold, La., in June 1951, and she died in January 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Robert B. and William L., both of Baton Rouge; one daughter, Laura Beth Bolinger of Lafayette, La.; three brothers, Robert of Hamilton, Bernard of Big Spring, Texas, and Donald of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

One brother, James Philip, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 5-9 p.m. in Rabenhorst East Funeral Home in Baton Rouge.

Services will be Tuesday at noon in the funeral home, with the Rev. A.C. Prellor officiating. Burial will be Wednesday with a 9 a.m. graveside service in Providence Cemetery, Ringgold, La.

Stephan Mudrovich

ANGOLA — Stephan Mudrovich, 81, died Saturday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was a lawn caretaker.

He is survived by one nephew, Anthony Yengich of Mount Vernon, Wash.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemeteries, Hammond. Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Kathryn Redding

ANGOLA — Kathryn M. Redding, 90, died Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Covington Manor Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Redding and her husband, Ralph, operated the Angola Hatchery for 45 years.

She was a member of the First

Congregational United Church of Christ, a charter member of the Frances Elliott Clark Music Club and a member of Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She also was a member of the Steuben County chapter of the American Red Cross for several years.

She was born May 19, 1906, in Branch County, Mich., to William and Nellie (Hill) Paradine. She married Ralph Redding, who preceded her in death in 1982.

She is survived by one daughter, Ann Redding Geren of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Hemrick, in 1977.

Calling and funeral services were today. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiated. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Lukus Logan

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lukus Lamar Logan was stillborn at 1:24 p.m. Friday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

Surviving are his parents, Leonard L. and Lisa M. (Lower) Logan of Wolcottville; maternal grandparents, Vincent Lower of Grabill and Nancy Lower of Auburn; paternal grandparents, Ronald and Brenda Logan of Wolcottville; maternal great-grandparents, Arnold and Marilyn Lower of Auburn, Edward and Eileen Schrock of LaGrange, and Pat and Bill Logan of Wolcottville; an aunt, Kim Ritchie of Wolcottville; and two uncles, Michael Lower and Scott Lower, both of Auburn.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Joel Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 3-4 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

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James Ross

AVILLA — James J. Ross, 73, of Avilla, died at 11:45 a.m. Sunday in the V.A. Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Garrett Aug. 31, 1922, to Wilbur and Zoah (Blue) Ross. On May 22, 1943, in St.

Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Martha Ley. She survives.

Mr. Ross, a Noble County resident most of his life, was a retired auto mechanic. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a lifetime member of VFW in Kendallville, American Legion Post 240 in Avilla and the DAV.

Surviving with his wife are five daughters, Nancy Hippenhammer of Albion, Linda Anglin of Kendallville, Becky Smith of Avilla, Margaret Armagast of Kentucky, and Fayanne Morr of Kingman, Ariz.; four sons, Kenny Ross, Joe Ross and Philip Ross, all of Kendallville and John Ross of Wolcottville; four sisters, Juanita Warner of Warsaw, Mary Becker of Lisbon, Bertina Knafel of Rome City, and Celia Myers of Avilla; 24 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Allan; a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with rosary recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Jack L. Graham, 69, died Friday. Services were Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

LIGONIER — Helen W. O'Reilly, 78, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Ligonier United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Carol Parson

CROMWELL — Carol A. Parson, 33, of Cromwell, died Saturday evening in Whitley County Hospital.

She was born Jan. 12, 1963, in Columbia City to James Lee and Nancy (Foster) Parson. Her father is deceased. Her mother and stepfather, Nancy and Phil Burton, survive in Cromwell.

Miss Parson had worked for Sroufe Manufacturing in Ligonier and was a member of Ligonier Eagles.

Surviving with her mother and stepfather are two sons, Eric and Shane, both of Cromwell; two brothers, James of Cromwell, and John of Angola; and a grandmother, Jeannette Foster of Cromwell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Edna Wildey officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Woman believed drowned

ALBION — A 32-year-old Fort Wayne woman is believed to have drowned Sunday evening after jumping out of a canoe at Chain O' Lakes State Park to swim.

According to Mark Hines, conservation officer for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the woman was in a canoe with a female companion when she decided to jump out in the northern part of Sand Lake at around 7:30 p.m.

A man fishing at the pier nearby, beside the channel that leads to Bowen Lake, saw the woman go underwater while swimming and then fail to reappear.

In a conflicting statement the woman's companion, who remained in the canoe, said her friend

Fort Wayne teen dies in crash

WOLCOTTVILLE — A Fort Wayne teen died of massive internal injuries Sunday morning when he drove his car into the path of another car on State Road 9 at the C.R. 700S intersection, about one mile north of Wolcottville, according to Indiana State Police.

Bradley J. Rammage, 17, of Kinsway Drive, stopped his westbound vehicle at the intersection at about 10:07 a.m.

When his vehicle entered the intersection, it was struck in the driver's side by a northbound vehicle driven by Kelly J. Bradley, 20, of Rome City.

Bradley complained of pain to her neck and was taken to Vencor Hospital in LaGrange where she was treated and later released.

Police could not determine if Rammage was wearing a seat belt.

Bradley was wearing a seat belt that prevented more serious injuries, according to the police accident report.



Deaths/Funerals

Maryanne Stafford

BRISTOL — Maryanne Stafford, 65, died Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

She graduated from Alma College with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and received a master's degree in elementary education, administration and music from Indiana University at South Bend.

She retired in 1995 after 23 years as a teacher at York Elementary School.

She was born May 12, 1931, to W. Earl and Mayme (Kimmey) Lee. Her mother survives her in Merritt Island, Fla.

On Aug. 2, 1952, she married Samuel E. Stafford. He survives her in Bristol.

She also is survived by two sons, Samuel S. Stafford of San Jose, Calif., and James F. Stafford stationed with U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa, Japan; three daughters, Mrs. Ben (Laurie) Moreno of Flushing, Mich., Mrs. Gary (Carol) Lewis of Van Wert, Ohio, and Mrs. Pete (Marianne) Wade of Angola; one brother, Wallace Lee of Oxford, Mich.; one sister, Carol Lee of Merritt Island, Fla.; two grandsons and three granddaughters.

Friends may call Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at Bristol Chapel of Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Bristol.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The Rev. Richard Dunning will officiate. Cremation will follow services.

Memorial gifts may be made to the York Elementary School Library or Elkhart Community Hospice Inc.

Howard Laflin

LAGRANGE — Howard F. Laflin, 82, died Monday at his home.

Mr. Laflin was a farmer and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Angola.

He was born May 2, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Fred and Velma (Lyman) Laflin.

On Oct. 28, 1939, he married Leona A. Thiele. She survives him.

He is also survived by one son, Howard "Butch" Laflin Jr. of Howe; two daughters, Ruth Ann Hullinger of LaGrange and Suann Mahaffey of Ashley; two brothers, Francis Tester of Fort Wayne and Raymond Tester of Waterloo; three sisters, Ruth Sims of Fort Wayne, Bonnie Hampshire of Waterloo and Helen Bowers of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Tester, Elmer Tester and Arthur Laflin; and two sisters, Evelyn Bowers and Irene Tester.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Pastor Donald E. Meyers will officiate. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorial gifts may be made to Homebound Healthcare, LaGrange, and the Calvary Lutheran Church stained glass window fund.

Vivian Cover

FREMONT — Vivian Leola Cover, 88, of Fremont, died at 11 a.m. June 30 in her residence.

She was born July 12, 1907, in Elkhart to Lester and Sadie (Scott) Holmes.

She married Arthur Cover, who preceded her in death in 1970.

Mrs. Cover was a pioneer minister for Jehovah's Witnesses and was a 1925 Elkhart High School graduate.

There are no survivors.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with Michael Cook officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to Jehovah Witnesses World Wide Work or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Ora Daniel Baer**, 71, died Saturday in Michigan. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Dr. Elizabeth Ward Durflinger**, 84, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Indianapolis.

FORT WAYNE — **Roger D. King**, 73, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling from 4-8 pm. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy E. Mackwitz**, 86, died Monday. No services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Darian Nicole Murphy** was stillborn Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Greenlawn Memorial Park Chapel, 6600 Covington Road.

FORT WAYNE — **Bradley J. Ramage**, 17, died Sunday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., and 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road. Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — **Franklin E. Richards Sr.**, 60, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — **Opal N. Gephart**, 93, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there from noon until services on Wednesday.

NEW HAVEN — **Paul William "Bill" Rorick**, 62, died Monday. Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, New Haven. Calling 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Marquart & Jacobs Funeral Home, Monroeville, and one hour before services at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Mary Schlotterer

GARRETT — Mary E. Schlotterer, 88, died Tuesday at 9 p.m. in her home on West Clark Street, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and worked at the Creek Chub Bait Co. for 10 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

Mrs. Schlotterer was born July 8, 1908, in Garrett to the late John and Helen (Dietch) Biedrzycki.

She married Fred Schlotterer on June 3, 1930, in Garrett, and he died in March 1968.

Surviving are four daughters, Barbara Overy and Virgilia Schlotterer, both of Garrett. Dolores Kurtz of Fowler, and Susan Severson of LaOtto; one brother, John Biedrzycki of Fort Wayne, one sister, Calamanda Nixon of Garrett; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas; six brothers, Ted, Tony, Joe, Francis, Thomas and Paul Biedrzycki; and two sisters, Sister Cassimira and Martha Biedrzycki.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father John Vrabely officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses or CompreCare.

Orley Book

FORT WAYNE — Orley L. Book, 70, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed carpenter.

He was born April 4, 1926, in Kankakee, Ill., to Lester and Mildred (Gype) Book.

He is survived by four sons, Robert Book of Edon, Ohio, and Robert, Wayne, and Ronald Book,

all of Fremont; one daughter, Stephany Robbins of Texas; three sisters; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or services. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to Veterans Administration Indiana Health Care System, 2121 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne IN, 46805.

Vash Retz

FORT WAYNE — Vash Lorraine Retz, age 10 weeks, died Tuesday at her Fort Wayne home.

She was born April 30, 1996, to David and Carolyn (Miller) Retz, who survive.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Gerald and Rebecca Retz of Lynn, Ind., and Robert and Darlene Miller of St. Joe; and her great-grandparents, Jenny Retz, and James and Geneva Johnson, all of Lynn, and Margarette Wisler of St. Joe.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-9 p.m. at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor David Misner officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Terry Dean West, 36, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 6-9 p.m. today and from 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.

CROMWELL — Alan L. Hutsell, 61, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Arthur L. Minnick, 61, died Monday. Services 2 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jessica Barth

BUTLER — Jessica N. Barth, 18, died Wednesday at 10:55 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident near Newville.

Miss Barth was born Oct. 6, 1977, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Carl and Carmen (Martin) Barth. Her mother survives in Butler and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two brothers, Jeremy and Chris, both of Butler; and her grandparents, Jan and Steve Simmering of Butler, and Harvey and Delores Barth of Wauseon.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Lyons Cemetery, Lyons, Ohio.

Mary Wyatt

MUNCIE — Mary Ellen (Neuton) Wyatt, 78, died Saturday at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She was born in Muncie and graduated from Central High School in 1936. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Muncie, and its organizations.

Surviving are her husband, Glenn; two daughters, Julia Ann Marten and Barbara Wyatt; two granddaughters, Laura and Melinda Marten; and a sister-in-law, Freida Dailey of Auburn.

One brother, Robert Neuton, and one sister, June, preceded her in death.

Services were Monday at 10 a.m., with burial in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie. The Rev. David Neuton, her nephew, officiated at the Mass of Christian burial.

Memorial contributions may be

given to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Janice Moyer

BLOOMFIELD — Janice Paiege Sanders Moyer, 38, died Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Welborn Baptist Hospital, Evansville.

She worked for Strapco Co. in Worthington, and lived in Bloomfield. She was a former Waterloo resident.

Mrs. Moyer was born Sept. 15, 1957, in Rockford, Tenn., to Charles and Dorothy (O'Connor) Sanders. They survive in Waterloo.

She married Michael Eldon Moyer on Nov. 23, 1974 in Waterloo, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Joshua of Worthington; one daughter, Jennifer Kay Moyer of Milford, Ill.; two brothers, Charles W. Sanders II of Urbana, Ohio, and Timothy R. Sanders of Waterloo; four sisters, Shelia Kay Snow of Rosewood, Ohio, and Judy Ann McDowell, Sharon Joy Sparkman, and Lisa Jade Wilson, all of Waterloo; one grandmother, Dora Mae Chessar of Glen Mary, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Malinda Gingery, and two brothers, John Patrick Sanders and Christopher Sanders, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from noon-3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Brad Zent officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

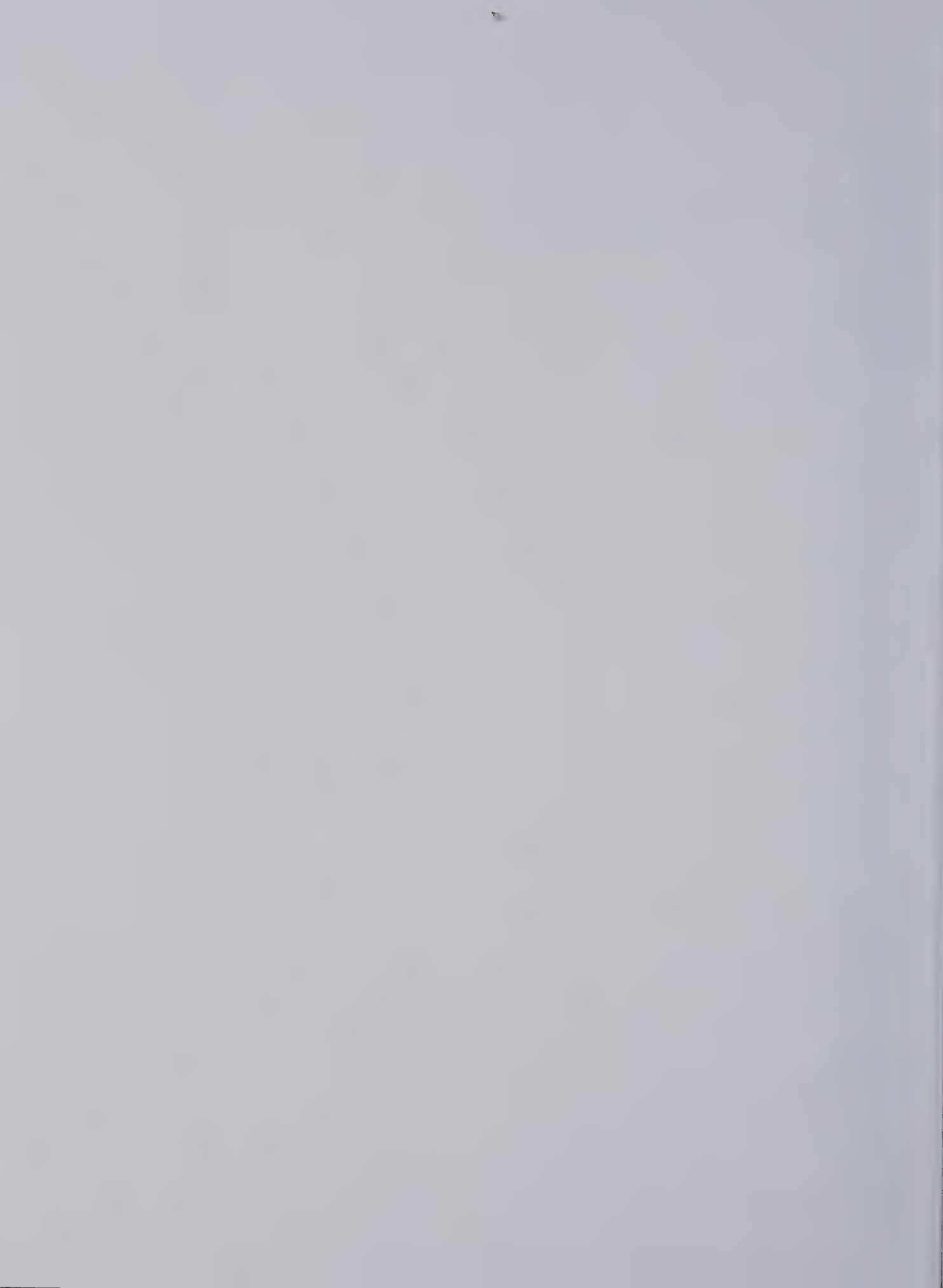
Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Evelyn Murray, 79, died Tuesday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — Juanita M. Hoelle, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.





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Harry Suter

GARRETT — Harry W. Suter, 67, died Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Suter owned a truck cleaning service at Irving Concrete in Fort Wayne for 15 years, then worked at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne for 10 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Fort Wayne post of the American Legion and the Mercedes-Benz Club in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 26, 1928, in Erie, Pa., to the late Carl W. and Clara Louise Kob (Kundig) Suter.

He married Christel Stachel on April 17, 1954, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Diane Zumbaugh of Garrett; one son, Richard of Lafayette; and two grandchildren.

One sister, Fay Suter Gabor, preceded him in death.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Sanxter

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — Donald L. Sanxter, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, died Feb. 28 in his home in Sierra Vista, Ariz., after short illness.

He was a Hamilton native, the son of the late Shirley L. and Eula Teegardin Sanxter. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1938 and attended Indiana University for two years before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He was a B-24 pilot in World War II, flying bombing missions in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

During his Air Force career, he was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, the Pentagon, Martin-Marietta in Denver and Lockheed in Sunnyvale, Calif., where he was the Air Force plant representative.

Mr. Sanxter attended the Armed

Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., and War College in Fort McNair, and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1960. He earned a master's degree from George Washington University and retired from the service in 1969.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Hersh Sanxter, formerly of Auburn; six children and nine grandchildren; three sisters, Virginia Walker and Lawana Meisner, both of Fort Wayne, and Marian Buttermore of Goshen.

One sister, Geraldine West, preceded him in death.

A private memorial service will be conducted this weekend.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Herschel Aumsbaugh Jr., 69, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Columbia City First Church of God. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

NEW HAVEN — Grace L. unter, 84, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Erma M. Penland

ANGOLA — Erma M. Penland, 83, died Thursday at 11 a.m. at home.

She was a homemaker and member of Fairview Missionary Church. She was active on the board and in activities at Elliot Manor and volunteered services at the manor's dining room.

She was born April 25, 1913, in DeKalb County to Edward and Hazel (Husselman) Rohm. On Dec. 26, 1931, she married Roscoe Penland. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1988.

She is survived by two sons, Lynn Penland of Sheridan, Wyo., and Richard Penland of Auburn; one daughter, June Hauer of Angola; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-

grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by one sister, Viola Rohm, and one great-granddaughter, Casey Penland.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery. The Rev. Ray Miller will officiate.

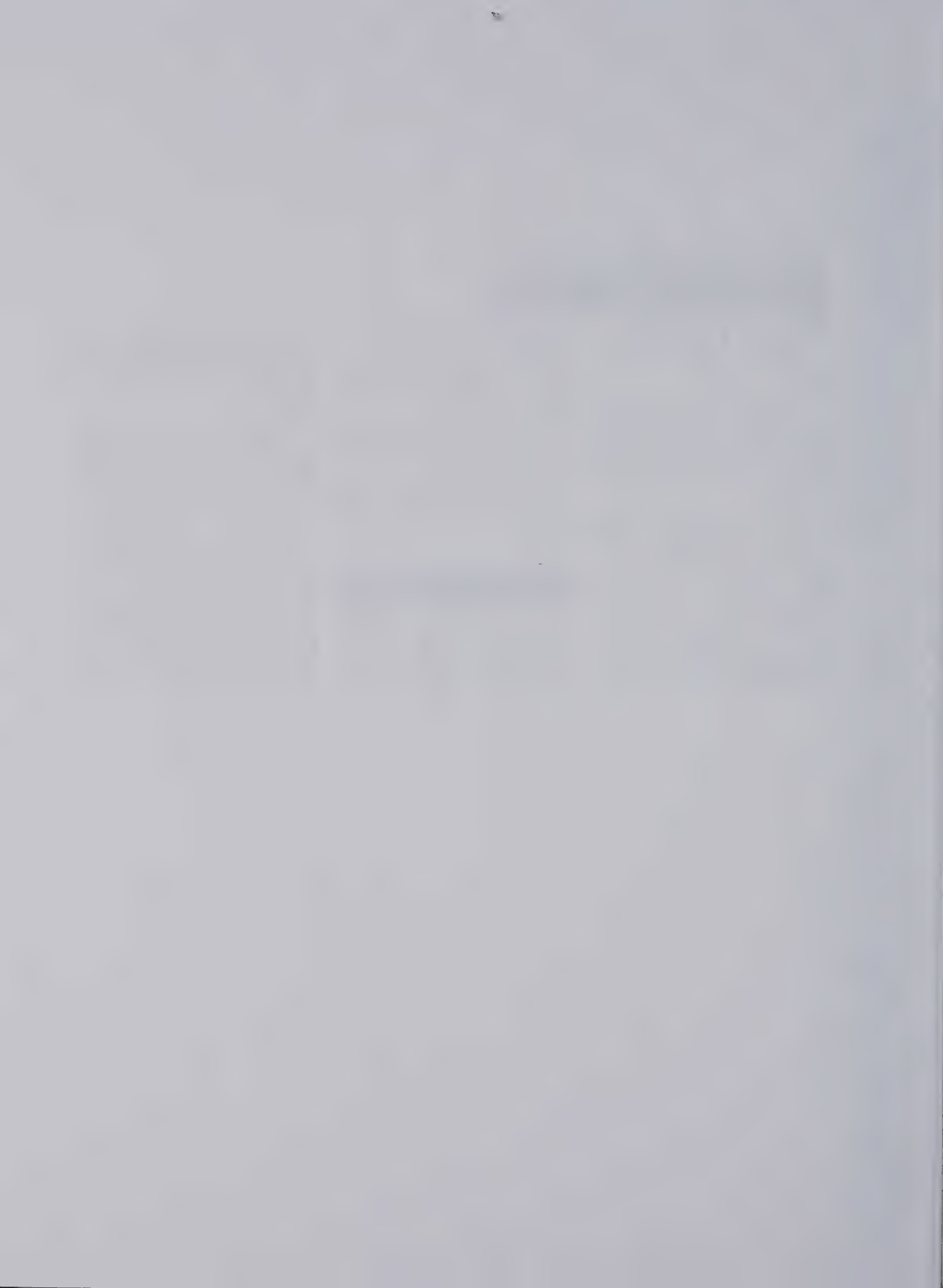
Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Desirae Nicole Oiler**, 24 days old, of Kendallville, died Friday at 2:13 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospi-

tal, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling. Private family services will take place Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

SAN ANTONIO — **Charlotte D. Salinger**, 86, of San Antonio, died Monday. Memorial services July 20 at 1 p.m. in Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fort Wayne.

LAGRANGE — **Berniece Elizabeth Yoder**, 79, of LaGrange, died Friday at 7:35 a.m. in Life Care Center of LaGrange. Funeral services Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Calling Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, and one hour prior to services at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Jerry Tarlton

FLINT, Mich. — Jerry D. Tarlton, 49, of Flint, Mich., died July 7 at 5 a.m. in Genesys Osteopathic Hospital, Flint.

A former Auburn resident, he was born Dec. 16, 1946 in Auburn to Samuel and L. Maxine (Carper) Tarlton. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Louisville, Ky.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a 1964 graduate of Columbia City High School and had worked as an auto mechanic with Tarlton Service Station in Columbia City.

Surviving, along with his mother, are a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Sandra Tarlton of Louisville; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue Ann and Jerry Johnson, of Charlotte, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no public calling. Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Stevan Haiflich, pastor of Maple Grove and Norris Chapel United Methodist churches, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Wavel Winters

ANGOLA — Wavel J. Winters, 88, died at 9:30 a.m. Monday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was born on July 15, 1996, in Edon, Ohio, to George and Ann (Burch) Tingler. She married Clarence Winters and became a

homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Donald (June) Knop of Auburn, Betty Warner of Hillsdale, Mich., and Ann Penrot of Elyria, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Powers Cemetery in Steuben County. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Marjorie R. Iddings**, 97, died Nov. 18, 1995, in New York. Private services were held Monday in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

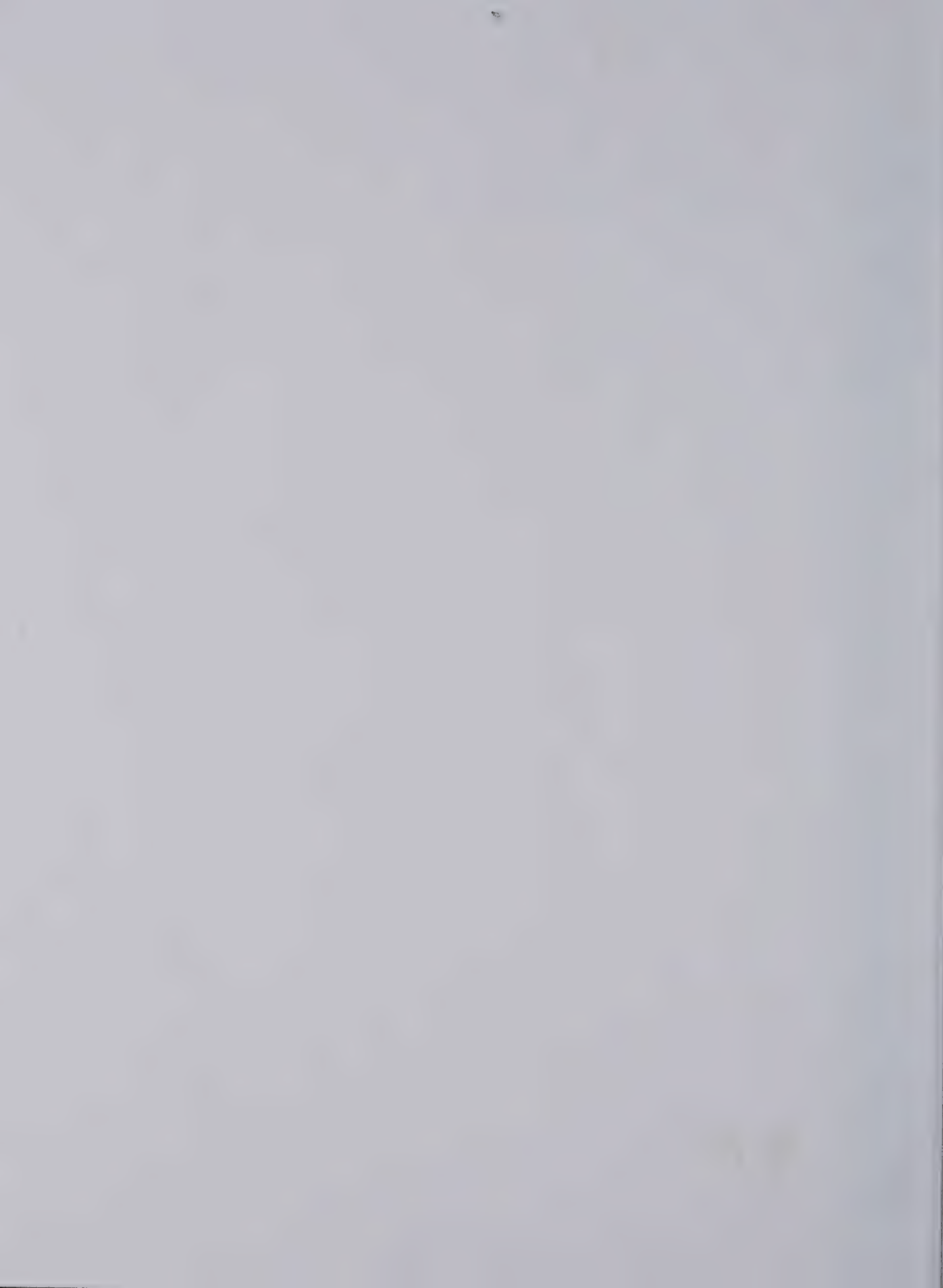
COLUMBIA CITY — **Glenn D. "Scottie" Scott**, 93, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

NEW HAVEN — **William H. Englehart**, 49, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in New Haven United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the church parlor.



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Deaths/Funerals

Marian Klug

AUBURN — Marian Klug, 83, died Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Formerly of Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn, Mrs. Klug was a homemaker.

She was born September 9, 1912, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Anna M. (McDermott) and John C. Maier. She married Paul F. Klug, who preceded her in death in 1980.

Mrs. Klug is survived by two daughters, Sharon Gollmer of Auburn, and Virginia Caston of South Lake, Texas; one son, John P. Klug of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Darrell Boyer of the Community Fellowship Church in St. Joe officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery, Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne.

Preferred Memorials are to DeKalb Council on Pregnancy, 207 N. Jackson St., Auburn.

Wilmer Rediger, former Auburn Dairy owner, dies at 79

AUBURN — Wilmer E. Rediger, 79, died Tuesday at 3:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

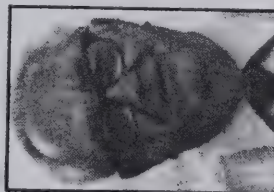
Formerly of McIntyre Drive, Auburn, Mr. Rediger owned and operated Auburn Dairy with his wife, Anna, for 37 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, a member and past master of the Leo Masonic Lodge, and a member and past patron of both the Leo and Auburn Eastern Star Lodges. Mr.

Rediger was also active in the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Shrine clubs.

Mr. Rediger was born November 7, 1916, in Milan Township in Allen County to Jacob and Lilly (Gerrig) Rediger.

On August 14, 1938, he married Anna Mae Beerbower in Archbold, Ohio.



Rediger

She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Art (Carol) Albert of Auburn, Mrs. Mike (Sandra) Lewis of Corunna, and Mrs. David (Debra) Braun of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mildred Clifton of Grabbill; one half-brother, Donald Rediger of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bill Rediger, and a brother, Harold Rediger.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the First United

Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. David Maish officiating.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and one hour prior to funeral services Friday at the church. The Leo Masonic Lodge will hold a special memorial service at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the Auburn Police Department and the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.



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Deaths/Funerals

Jack Carter

HAMILTON — Jack W. Carter, 67, died Thursday at 6:03 p.m. in his Terry Lake home, Hamilton.

He was a sheet metal worker with Local 292 in Detroit, and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Carter was born Feb. 10, 1929, in New York City to the late William and Eilene (Koukala) Carter.

He married Irene Wade on Dec. 7, 1970, in Auburn Heights, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Loni Pines of Naples, Fla.; three stepsons, Jerry Creager of Houston, Texas, William Creager of Hamilton, and Roger Creager of Bloomington, Ind.; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One stepson, Richard Creager, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Jeff Wells officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice, in care of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Hulda Fay Stoner**, 94, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Eleanor McGinnis

CORUNNA — Eleanor McGinnis, 75, died Wednesday at 7:35 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, after a brief illness.

She was a homemaker and lived in Corunna. She formerly lived in Elwood, Ind. She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Corunna, the Moose Lodge and American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. McGinnis was born Nov. 15, 1920, in Morgantown, W. Va., to the late James D. and Emma G. (Kernan) Birtcher.

She married James W. McGinnis on May 21, 1943, and he died Nov. 2, 1980.

Surviving are five daughters, Linda Essig of Arcadia, Ind., Jacqueline Artis of Clifford, Ind., and Ginnie Lou Huntsberger, Sharon Boese and Cynthia Snyder, all of Corunna; three sons, James Jr. of Maryville, Tenn., Gary of Dorr, Mich., and Calvin R. of Corunna; four brothers, James Birtcher and George Birtcher, both of Baltimore, Md.; Calvin Birtcher of Culpepper, Va., and Jack Birtcher of Maryville; one sister, Betty Smith of Elwood; and 29 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lillian Shostic and Ladore Hall, and one grandson.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Copher & Fesler Funeral Home, Elwood.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stevan Haiflich officiating. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Frankton, Ind.

Angela Eldridge

KENDALLVILLE — Angela M. Eldridge, 23, died Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the emergency room at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a 1991 graduate of DeKalb High School, Waterloo.

She was born Feb. 20, 1973, in Auburn. Surviving are her father and stepmother, Edward E. and Kathy Eldridge of Auburn; and her mother, Marcia K. (Mitchell) Kessler of Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Brandon M.S. Eldridge and Austin Taylor Wakeman, both at home; one daughter, Ashlee N. Wakeman, at home; one brother, Brad J. Kessler of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Jason A. Scattergood and Dennis C. Shutt Jr., both of Auburn; two grandmothers, Mabel Eldridge of Auburn and Lorena Mitchell of Woodburn; and her companion, Shawn Wakeman of Kendallville.

Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Paul Burrus of Indian Village Church of God will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may given to a trust fund for the children, in care of Food Marketing Federal Credit Union, 5030 Executive Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808.



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Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Krock

AVILLA — Mildred E. Krock, 78, of Avilla, died at 12:58 a.m. Friday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Krock retired in 1981 after 30 years with Electric Motors in Garrett and was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She lived much of her life in the Avilla community.

She was born Dec. 6, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Lee and Faye (Johnson) Isenbarger, who preceded her in death.

On June 12, 1935, she married Herman Krock in Preble, Ind., and he preceded her on March 5, 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandy Lash of Wolcottville, and Betty Haynes of Avilla; three sons, Jim Krock of Avilla, Bill Krock of Avilla, and Bob Krock of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; a sister, Jean Garman of Avilla; two brothers, Robert Isenbarger of Garrett, and Richard Isenbarger of Lakeland, Fla.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Services are at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, at 10 a.m. Monday with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Virginia Baker

AUBURN — Virginia Baker, 76, died Friday at 10:06 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a secretary at Cooper

Industrial Products for 10 years, retiring in 1974. She was a former member and secretary of the Auburn Church of Christ. She was a member of the St. Joe Literary Club. She lived on County Road 60, Auburn.

Mrs. Baker was born July 4, 1920, in Jackson, Mich., to the late Marvin and Winnie (Bailey) Poper.

She married Harold H. Baker on July 2, 1949, in St. Joe and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Marynelle Keller of Auburn and Brenda (Mrs. Michael) Sebert of Butler; five grandchildren, Shae and Staci Keller, Amy Bradburn, and Rory and Randy Sebert.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Brian Keller, and one sister, Thelma Hart.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. Dallas Savage will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Charles Littel Mission Fund, in care of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Effie Shuey

BUTLER — Effie M. Shuey, 73, died at 3:30 a.m. Friday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a house wife and lived in Terre Haute and Fort Wayne before moving to Butler.

Shuey was born in Peterstown, W. Va., to the late Robert and Dorothy Wickline.

Her first husband, Richard Hunter, died in 1970. Her second

husband, Frances "Ed" Shuey, died in 1995.

Survivors include: one son, Richard Shuey of Auburn; four daughters, Kathryn Wyatt of Corpus Christi, Texas, Georgie Williams of Anderson, Karma Uphold of Kingwood, W. Va. and Tennie Robbins of Peterstown, W. Va.; one brother, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake, Angola.

Memorial contributions may be given to the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements were by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.



Deaths/Funerals

Eunice Ashenfelter

GARRETT — Eunice P. Ashenfelter, 86, died Friday at 5:40 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mrs. Ashenfelter lived in Garrett from 1931 to 1994. She managed Ashfield's Paint Store in Garrett from 1960 until 1978, when she retired. She was a member of the Light House Assembly of God Church in Garrett.

She was born June 10, 1910, in Waterloo to George and Arletta (Riggs) Curtland.

She married Frank T. Ashenfelter on Oct. 30, 1926, in Wauseon, Ohio. He died Jan. 7, 1980.

She is survived by one son, Howard Ashenfelter of Garrett; one daughter, Faye Myers of Caldwell, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Loren Ashenfelter; a daughter, Marcine Rudy; three brothers, Elvester, Lester and Howard Curtland; and five sisters, Gladys Wells, Dolly Nodine, Theo Curtland, Beulah Hurd and Anna Vice.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Officiating will be Pastor Stephen Davis, Pastor Barry Davis, the Rev. David Snodderly and Pastor John Weatherly. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons.

Preston Bradley

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Preston Bradley, 78, died Saturday at 3:20 a.m. at Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater, Mich.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, Frank Bradley of Fremont, and Ralph Bradley of White Pigeon, Mich.; two daughters, two brothers, three sisters, 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at noon Tuesday in the funeral home.

Carl Miller

WATERLOO — Carl B. Miller, 87, died Sunday at 5 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller was a truck driver for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Cooperative for 30 years and a Waterloo farmer. He was a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. He was a member of Knights of Columbus in Edgerton, Ohio, Harvest House, and DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born Aug. 23, 1908, in Waterloo to the late Frank and Theresa (Zircher) Miller.

He married Esther Shoudel on July 31, 1935, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jane (Mrs. Harold) Stafford of Waterloo and Lucille Miller of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Nicholas, Clement, Father Herman, Raymond and Bernard Miller, and three sisters, Agnes Miller, Rosina Miller and Rosa Miller.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 8:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Earlin "Phil" Pippenger, 83, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — Genevieve M. Allen, 78, died Friday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

SYRACUSE — Laura Nicole Leamon, 18, died Friday from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Edward C. Fenker, 78, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Oak Grove Church of God, rural Columbia City.

Geneva Michael Davis

FREMONT — Geneva Michael Davis, 91, died at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday.

She was retired from Crotty Corp. and was a seamstress. She was a member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau board for 27 years.

She was born Dec. 22, 1904, in Branch County, Mich., to Burton and Velma (Weaver) Wilkins.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Durwood (Evelyn) Sickels, and Iris McPhall, both of Fremont; one stepson, Orville Davis of Chesapeake, Va.; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Michael, in 1952, and her second husband, Roy Davis, in 1966, as well as two sons and a daughter.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Gloria Parr

GRABILL — Gloria J. Parr, 61, of Grabill, died Friday.

Mrs. Parr, a lifetime Allen County resident, retired from Grabill Cabinets in 1993 after 18 years of service.

Surviving are her mother, Pauline Cartwright of Grabill; a daughter, Debra Weirauch of Grabill; two sons, Michael Parr of Kimmell, and Scott Parr of Auburn; two brothers, Thomas Cartwright of Leo, and Donald Cartwright of Angola; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Burial was in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Northeast Indiana or to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 12640 St. Joe Road.

Evening Star

Mon., July 29, 1996 (cont'd)

Lois Gersbacher

JACKSON, Mich. — Lois Irene Gersbacher, 43, died Friday at 6:16 p.m. at her home in Jackson, Mich.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; two sons, Denny (and wife, Allison) Elkins of Coldwater, Mich., and Isaac D. Moskowitz of Jackson; one daughter, Nora Elkins of Coldwater; four brothers, Paul Whitaker of Pleasant Lake, Phillip Whitaker of Fremont, Vallis Whitaker of Angola, and Glen Whitaker of Coldwater; one sister, Jeanie Simcox of Coldwater; and two grandchildren, Kyarra Gibson and Ealanna Elkins, both of Coldwater.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Pastor Barbara Zagya will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Velma Ladd

HUDSON — Velma D. Ladd, 87, of Avon, S.D., and formerly of Hudson, died at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday in her residence in Avon.

She was born in Delta, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1909, to George W. and Etta (Huber) Taylor. On Dec. 25, 1928, in Angola, she married Irvin Ladd. He survives.

Mrs. Ladd was a homemaker and she and her husband farmed in Ohio until moving to Hammond. After retiring, they lived on a small farm in rural Hudson for 25 years and in 1989 moved to Avon. She was a member of Hamilton-Ashley Grange and Corunna Community Church.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ludwig Bertsch of Avon; a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Ruth Ladd of Glendora, Calif.; five grandchildren, Raymond Ladd, David Ladd and Cheryl Ladd, all of California, and Lewis Bertsch and Lisa Rokusek, both of Avon; and five great-grandchildren, Jennifer Ladd and Jeremy Ladd, both of California, Breannah Bertsch, Dalton Bertsch and Mikaila Bertsch, all of Avon.

She was preceded in death by twin sons, Larry and LeRoy; two brothers, Jessie and Verle Taylor; and three sisters, Ella McDougale, Myrtle Kosier and Emma Gamble.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Lee Renkenberger

AVILLA — Lee L. Renkenberger, 85, of rural Avilla, died Friday evening in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born June 15, 1911, in Swan Township to Charles and Emma (Marks) Renkenberger. In 1935, he married Minnie Kopp, who preceded him in death in June 1957.

Mr. Renkenberger was a Green Township farmer and spent most of his life in that area. He was a member of Green Center United Methodist Church and was a former director of the Noble County REMC. He was also a board member of the Noble County Soil & Water Conservation Service, former Democratic precinct committeeman and served on the Green Township advisory board.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Gene (Bonnie) Earnhart of Avilla, Mrs. Sam (Suzanne) Harlan of Albion, Mrs. John (Nancy) Wappes of Rome City, and Mrs. Roger (Carol) Allman of Madison; two sons, Thomas Renkenberger of Albion, and James Renkenberger of St. Joe; 15 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Ken Robinson and the Rev. Curtis Austin officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society and Green Center United Methodist Church building fund.

Deaths/Funerals

Msgr. Leo Hoffmann

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Msgr. Leo A. Hoffmann, 86, died Sunday at 2:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a priest and served at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn from 1970 until his retirement in 1979.

He was ordained June 10, 1933, in the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception by Bishop John F. Noll. He served several churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as well as several other appointments.

He was born Oct. 18, 1909, in Hartford City to the late John L. and Marie I. (Andre) Hoffmann.

Surviving are two brothers, the Rev. Msgr. Ralph Hoffmann of Chesterton, and Floyd of Indianapolis.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1120 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. A vigil will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the cathedral.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the cathedral. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses.

Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Norman Pinkerton

WATERLOO — Norman W. Pinkerton, 79, died Monday at Betz Nursing Home, in Auburn.

Mr. Pinkerton worked in quality control at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for 21 1/2 years. He managed the Waterloo Lumber Co. for 12 years and was a Grant Township farmer. He was a native of Huntington County.

He married Doris Reynolds Pinkerton, and she survives in Auburn.

He also is survived by four sons, Donald of Zephyrhills, Fla., DeWane of Medford, Ore., Phil of Kendallville, and Alvin of Waterloo; two daughters, Linda Colbart

of Huntington and Carol Forbes of LaOtto; three brothers, Ralph of Upland, Melvin of Sweetser, and Marvin of Marion; three sisters, Freda Hoover of North Manchester, Sybil Sybolt of Ellenton, Fla., and Eilene Kindley of Marion; 20 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Joyce Haynes

ASHLEY — Joyce "Leanne" Haynes, 64, formerly of Ashley, died at 10:45 a.m. Monday in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Haynes, a homemaker, attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

There are no immediate survivors.

There will be no services or visitation.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

William Swager

FREMONT — William E. Swager, 71, died Saturday at 2 p.m. at his home in Fremont.

A World War II veteran, he was manager and owner of Sur-Loc Safety Equipment and Swager Towers Campground.

He was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion, Fremont Moose, Fremont Masonic Lodge 210 and Scottish Rite-Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine.

He was born Feb. 6, 1925, in Steuben County to Charles and Maude (Deller) Swager.

He is survived by his former wife, Alice Swager of Fremont; five sons, Dan Swager, Jay Swager, Tim Swager and Lee Swager, all of Fremont, and Don Swager of Huntsville, Ark.; two brothers, Charles Swager of Howe and Terry Swager of Angola; one sister, Charlene Hablitzel of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and three great-

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Roy Swager in 1973; one daughter, Eve Poster in 1986; and one sister, Marie Davis.

A memorial service will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling one hour before the service. The Rev. Robert D. Sims will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Norma J. Lucas, 65, of LaGrange, died Sunday. Funeral arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — Forrest E. Egner, 65, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Fred Watson

KENDALLVILLE — Fred Watson, 63, of rural Kendallville, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in his residence. He had been ill since June 20.

He was born in Leburn, Ky., on Feb. 14, 1933, to Burton and Stella (Sparkman) Watson. On Aug. 3, 1973, in Kendallville, he married Helen L. Rayner. She survives.

Mr. Watson had lived in Kendallville before moving to his present home six years ago. He was a machinist at Safe-Guard Industry in Kendallville and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Jack (Inez) Terry of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Lyn (Doris) Alleshouse of Kendallville, Mrs. David (Cheryl) Hayes of Hindman, Ky., and Trena Watson of Santa Fe, N.M.; a stepson, Jeffrey Fish of Bloomington; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Paul (Jan) McKee of Fort Worth, Texas, Jacqueline Gordon of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Don (JoEllen) Wells of Garrett; four sisters, Mrs. James (Ruby) Gibson of Dayton, Ohio, and Lorenia Lykins and Grace Hicks, both of Cleveland, Ohio, and Cora Craft of Wayland, Ky.; two brothers, Orvis Watson of Maysville, Ky., and Clifford Watson of Painesville, Ohio; nine grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Birtchel Mosely Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Visit-

ing Nursing Service & Hospice Inc., P.O. Box 12869, Fort Wayne 46866-2869.

Scott Brewer

ANGOLA — Scott D. Brewer, 21, of Angola, died early Monday in his residence.

He was born Oct. 19, 1974, in Elkhart to Glen and Rachel (Miller) Brewer. They survive.

Mr. Brewer was co-owner of Brewer Auction Co. in LaGrange and a member of United Baptist Church in Rome City.

Surviving with his parents are a son, David Glen Brewer, at home in Angola.; a grandmother, Geneva Miller of LaGrange; three brothers, Glen Anthony Brewer Musser of Wolcottville, and Larry Alan Brewer and Steven Mackenzie Brewer, both of LaGrange; three aunts and five uncles.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

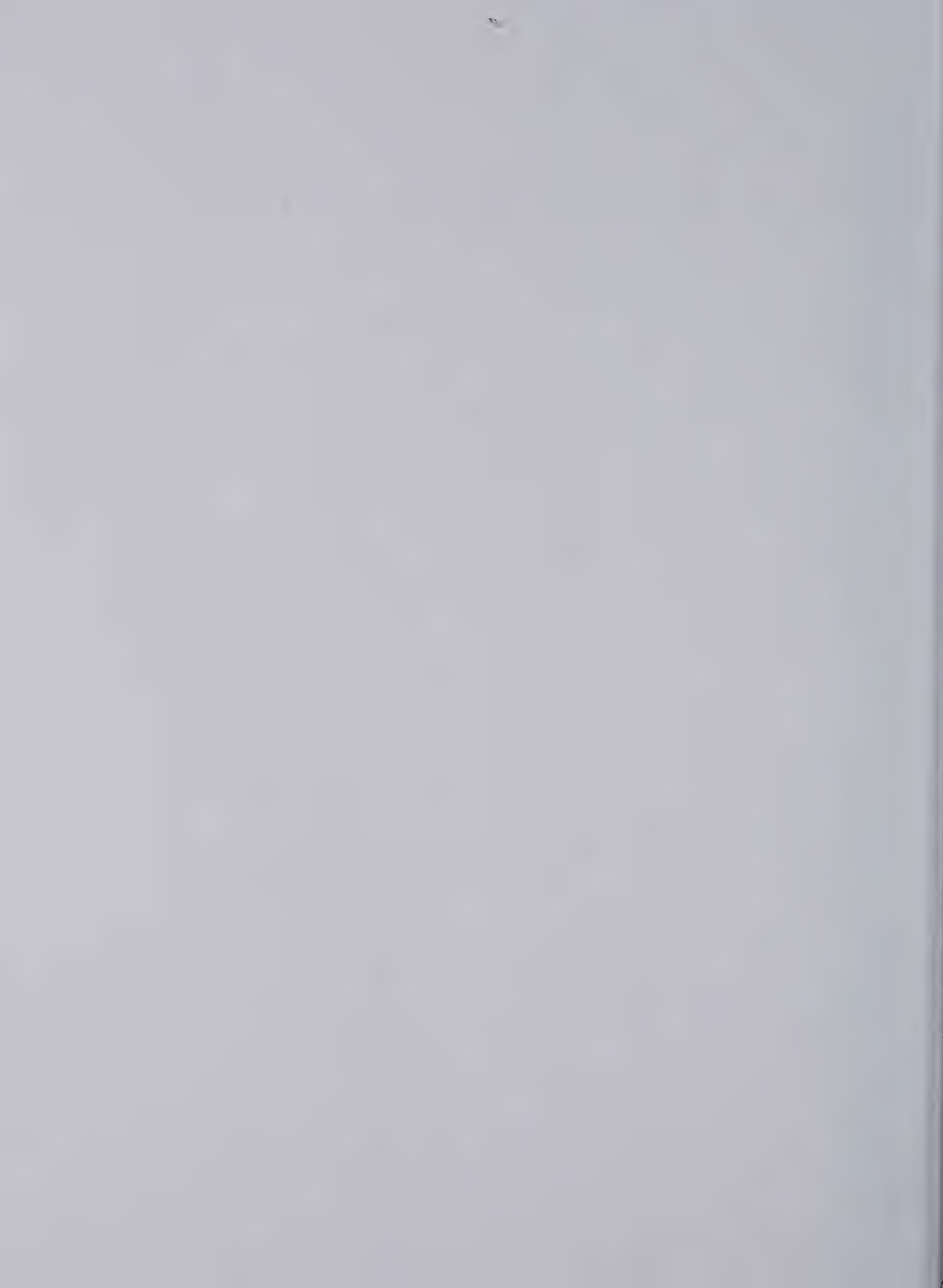
Preferred memorial are to his son, David Glen Brewer.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Scott D. Brewer, 21, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. today.

WARSAW — Ward Streby, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Denny F. "Butch" Lott, 47, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.



Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — Betty J. Johnson, 78, died Wednesday. Services at 9 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LIGONIER — Carmen C. Miller, 85, died March 25. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. No calling.

WAWAKA — Elizabeth J. Baker, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Wilma Wildeson

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Wilma E. Wildeson, 89, died Thursday at her home in Naperville, Ill.

She had lived in Naperville since 1951, moving there from Elmhurst, Ill. She had been a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church since 1952.

She was born Aug. 17, 1906, in Auburn to the late Fred W. and Cora E. (Heitz) Knott. Her husband, George, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, John of Hanover Park, Ill., and Richard of Garrett; one brother, Robert Knott of LaOtto; one sister, Frieda Knott of Auburn; two grandsons, Ladd Wildeson of Naperville and Daniel Wildeson of Hanover Park; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call today from 4-7 p.m. at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home, Naperville.

Services will be conducted tonight at 7 in the funeral home, with the Rev. Thomas C. Harmon officiating. Burial will be Saturday at 1 p.m. with a graveside service in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Smith, 19, died Thursday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Geneva Miller**, 77, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Wilbur L. Lung**, 80, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Sean M.**



Deaths/Funerals

Irene Girardot

WATERLOO — Alice Irene Girardot, 90, died Friday at 12:13 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Girardot was a homemaker and a lifelong Waterloo resident. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 24, 1905, in Waterloo to Clyde and Daisy (Dennison) Fee.

She married Justin Girardot on March 8, 1924, in Auburn. He died in January 1976.

Surviving are two sons, Robert of Destrahan, La., and John of Aurora, Ill.; two daughters, Gail (Mrs. Ronald) McIntosh of Hamilton and Beverly (Mrs. Loren) Dunn of Waterloo; 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Leo; one grandson; two brothers, Kenneth and Hubert; and two sisters, Ailene Sherburn and Georgie Duncan.

Services will be conducted Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Masses at the church.

Jessie Haynes

AUBURN — Jessie Haynes, 92, died Friday morning in Community Hospital North at Indianapolis.

She had been a longtime Auburn resident before moving to Indianapolis a short time ago. She had worked with her husband at the Haynes & Potter auto dealership in Auburn and also at the Auburn Dairy.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Auburn Garden Club.

She was born April 10, 1904, in Kendallville to Jess and Rose Smith.

She married Arthur Haynes on May 29, 1924, in Kendallville. He survives in Indianapolis.

She is survived by one grandson, John Edwards of Indianapolis, and three great-grandchildren, Ben, Marissa and Jacob Edwards, all of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyn Christensen; two sisters, Josephine Smith and Marjie Magnason; and four brothers, Harold, Howard, Robert and Russell Smith.

Graveside services will be conducted in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a time still to be decided. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb High School.

Hal Creech

CHURUBUSCO — Hal Creech, 51, of Churubusco, died Thursday at 12:16 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the owner of Hal Creech Construction Co., Churubusco, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Mr. Creech was born Aug. 1, 1945, in Churubusco, to Albert and Eliza Creech.

On June 21, 1986, he married Cindy Fordyce in Churubusco and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kristina Creech of Denver, Colo.; one son, Michael Creech of Churubusco; four sisters, Mrs. David (Grace) Tubbs of Hudson, Mrs. the Rev. Paul (Lue) Tubbs of Berne, Thelma Robinson of Largo, Fla., and Mrs. Harry (Dars) Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn.; and four brothers, Ralph Creech and Ray Creech, both of Columbia City, Elmer Creech of Minneapolis, Minn., and Russell Creech of Churubusco.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in the Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul C. Tubbs officiating. Friends may call Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Churubusco Fire Department.



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Deaths/Funerals

Harry Brandon

AUBURN — Harry "Bud" Brandon Jr., 79, died Saturday at 2:44 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He lived on North Cedar Street in Auburn and retired in 1979 from Rieke Corp. He was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member and elder of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214. He was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Mr. Brandon was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Angola to the late Harry and Grace (Cool) Brandon.

He married Kathryn Blickenstaff on Sept. 3, 1938, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one sister, Cleo (Mrs. Wilbur) Johnson of Butler.

Two brothers, Claude and Nelson, and one sister, Wanda Farmer, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in First Christian Church, Auburn, with Dr. Richard Moore officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the Good Samaritan Center.

Lucille Isenhour

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lucille L. Isenhour, 90, died Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Care Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she had resided since 1994.

She had worked at several restaurants in the Hicksville area and had lived in Southern Hills Apartments.

Mrs. Isenhour was born Nov. 20, 1905, in Butler to the late John and Della (Farner) Dove.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia Ward of Fort Wayne and Phyllis Kearns of LaOtto; two sons, Paul Traxler of Hicksville and Robert Traxler of Naperville, Ill., 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

One sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. and Tuesday after 8 a.m. (Ohio times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) in the funeral home, with the Rev.

Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions to the Parkview Nursing Center, Edgerton, are preferred.

Neva Dixon

ANGOLA — Neva G. Dixon, 95, died Saturday at 12:40 a.m. in the United Methodist Home at Warren.

A lifelong resident of Angola, she was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola Eastern Star Chapter 78 and The Niatta Club.

She was born Sept. 13, 1900, in Metz to Marcus and Emma (Williams) Moor. She married Everett Dixon and became a homemaker. Her husband died in 1957.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Julia Dixon of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Christine Novie of Phoenix; one grandson, Timothy Dixon of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her son, Marcus Dixon, in 1973.

Services were today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. James Butler officiated. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church.

Jessie Haynes

AUBURN — Services for Jessie Haynes, 92, will be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery. The Rev. Robert Heimach will officiate.

Mrs. Haynes died Friday morning in Community Hospital North at Indianapolis.

She had been a longtime Auburn resident before moving to Indianapolis a short time ago. She worked with her husband at the Haynes & Potter auto dealership in Auburn and also at the Auburn Dairy.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Auburn Garden Club. She was born April 10, 1904, in Kendallville to Jess and Rose Smith.

She married Arthur Haynes on May 29, 1924, in Kendallville. He survives in Indianapolis. A private service was conducted in Indianapolis so that Mr. Haynes could attend. He is unable to make the trip to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Haynes also is survived by one grandson, John Edwards of Indianapolis, and three great-grandchildren, Ben, Marissa and Jacob Edwards, all of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyn Christensen; two sisters, Josephine Smith and Marjie Magnason; and four brothers, Harold, Howard, Robert and Russell Smith.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb High School.



Mon., August 5 1996 (cont'd)

Gladys McNabb

GARRETT — Gladys C. McNabb, 101, died Friday at 10:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. McNabb was a homemaker. She served as a teacher from 1916-1919 and did alterations in her home from 1953-1979. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and its Loyal Women's Class, the Viginia Matres Club, and the Live, Laugh and Learn Club.

She was born July 24, 1895, in St. Joe to Wallace and Nettie (Coburn) Abel. She married Wilbur McNabb on Nov. 12, 1916, Newville and he died March 17, 1952.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Gladys I. McNabb of Garrett; two grandsons, Steve McNabb of Sawyer and Dennis McNabb of Antwerp, Ohio; a granddaughter, Debbie Tarantino of Coloma, Mich.; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Harold; a grandson, Terry McNabb; a brother, Roy Abel; and two sisters, Bessie Lake and Blanch Tomlinson.

Services were conducted today at 1:30 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer officiated. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville. Memorial donations may be made to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Catherine Mefford

BROWNSBURG — Catherine Marie Lucas Mefford, 35, died of breast cancer Friday at her home in Brownsburg.

She was a homemaker and had won three National Scholastic Gold Key awards for art. She graduated from South Montgomery High School in 1979.

Surviving are her husband, Stanley A. Mefford; one son, Matthew A. Mefford; one daughter, Adrian M. Mefford; her mother, Janet L. Lucas; her father, Perry G. Lucas; one sister, Beverly Puzelan; and three brothers, Eric, Jeff and Kyle Lucas.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in Hunt & Son Funeral Home, Crawfordsville.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Harvest Fellowship, Crawfordsville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Teachers' Credit Union, Crawfordsville.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Alfred Stein**, 71, died Saturday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

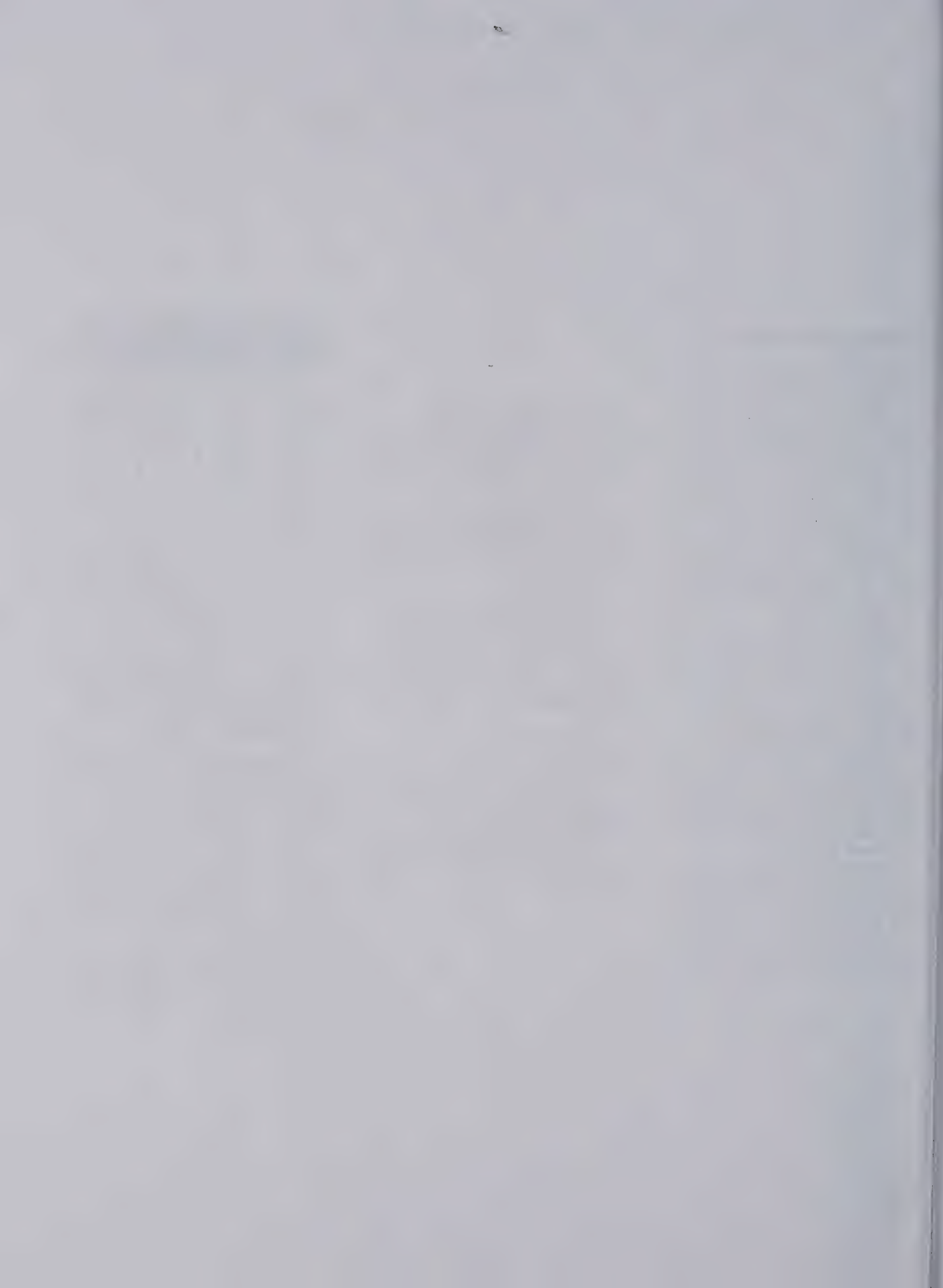
FORT WAYNE — **Clyde E. Romines**, 61, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Bryan D. Weaver**, 68, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **C. Dean Barker**, 66, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

LAOTTO — **Blanche Mae Adams**, 91, died Sunday morning. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheet Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **E. Jean Garber**, 69, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.



Deaths/Funerals

Blaine Warstler

AUBURN — Blaine Warstler, 68, died Monday at 10:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Warstler was a machine repairman at Warner Gear for 31 1/2 years, retiring in 1979. He also sang and played an instrument with the "Don Warstler and the Country Boys" band. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War, a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and a lifetime member of the Auburn Conservation Club.

He was born Dec. 19, 1927, in DeKalb County to the late Artie and Gladys (Carper) Warstler.

He married Vereda Vivian Reinig on June 27, 1959, in Angola, and she survives.

Surviving are three brothers, Wayne, Donald and Wesley, all of Auburn; two sisters, June Bassett and Elaine Bice, both of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Ruth Collins, and one brother, Sonny, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A 7 p.m. Moose service will be held Wednesday at the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rodney Buzard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Alice King

WATERLOO — Alice King, 93, died Monday at 8 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mrs. King was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and a homemaker. She also farmed alongside her husband, Arlo. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo.

She was born Nov. 21, 1902, in DeKalb County to Elijah and Lizzie (Chandler) Sherwood.

On May 11, 1943, she married Arlo King, who survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a brother, Edwin Sherwood of Milwaukee; six nieces and one nephew.

Mrs. King was preceded in death by a brother, George Sherwood, and a sister, Jennie Walter.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Brian Wilcox of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Robert Carper Sr.

IOLA, Wis. — Robert L. Carper Sr., 75 died July 22 at his home in Iola, Wis.

Mr. Carper was a mechanic with the Waupaca County Highway Department until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, dancing and repairing things. He lived in Auburn in the 1950s.

He was born Nov. 3, 1920, in Auburn to the late Howard and Mina (Mitchel) Carper.

He married Mildred "Dolly" Jensen on July 25, 1945, in Chicago, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert of Iola, Richard of Oshkosh, and Dale of Oconto; four brothers, Joe, Ralph, Aden and Harold, all of Auburn; two sisters, Sally Martin of Auburn and Ellen Van Auken of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Arthur and Samuel, preceded him in death.

Services took place July 25 at Iola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Thomas Dunham officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Symco.



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Agnes Smurr

GARRETT — Agnes E. Smurr, 95, died Monday at 11:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Smurr was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church, Garrett. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters and the American Legion Auxiliary in Garrett. She was a lifelong Garrett resident, formerly living on West King Street.

She was born Jan. 16, 1901, in DeKalb County to the late Robert and Mabel (Lanning) Hosack.

She married Lester Smurr in Auburn, and he died Nov. 14, 1960.

Surviving are four sons, William, Jack and John, all of Garrett and James of Woodburn; a half-brother, August Hosack; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Terrell; one brother, William; and one grandchild.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in First Baptist

Church, Garrett, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

James Goodin

FORT WAYNE — James A. Goodin, 72, died Monday at home.

He was born in Bluffton and retired from quality control at Tokheim Corp. in 1978 after 25 years. He had been working in security at Fort Wayne International Airport and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Berniece; a son, Kim Goodin of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Nick Baker of Frankfort and Kent Baker of Stroh; three stepdaughters, Sherry Stouder of Warsaw, Carol Bosworth of Auburn, and Lana Anderson of New Haven; two sisters, Betty Moser of New Orleans, and Mary Jane Speicher of Berne; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Pamela Dodge

MESA, Ariz. — Pamela Dodge, 42, died Thursday in Mesa, Ariz.

A former Angola resident who moved to Mesa in February, she had worked for the Steuben County Plan Commission and at Jon's Sports Bar.

She was born April 23, 1954, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Roy and Juanita Shaffer. Her mother survives her in Angola.

She also is survived by two daughters, Brandy Dodge of Collierville, Tenn., and Stephanie Reeder of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Dennis Shaffer of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three sisters, Cheryl Shirk of Durham, N.C., Barbara McKinley of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Kathy Bock of Fremont.

A graveside memorial service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.



Deaths/Funerals

Frieda Riddle

GARRETT — Frieda C. Riddle, 95, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Riddle was a homemaker and an assembler at Creek Chub Bait Co. for 37 1/2 years, retiring Dec. 31, 1966. She was a lifelong Garrett resident, formerly living at 905 S. Franklin St., She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

She was born May 14, 1901, in Garrett to the late Henry and Emma (Steinbruner) Sartor.

She married Lysle A. Riddle on June 5, 1934, in Garrett and he died Jan. 15, 1960.

Surviving are one son, Edward Hardwood of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Carl Sartor, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Andrew Hagle, pastor of the First Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Church of Christ.

Loretta Lidey

ANGOLA — Loretta B. Lidey, 82, died Monday at 10:10 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She retired from the Zenith Corp. and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 5, 1913, in Toledo, Ohio, to Lawrence and Agnes (Willhauck) Heintz.

She is survived by three sons, Ron Lidey of Torrance, Calif., Gary Lidey of Webb City, Mo., and Roger Lidey of Fremont; one daughter, Linda Lidey of Angola; two brothers, Kenneth Heintz of Toledo, Ohio, and Don Heintz of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Bernice Selbert.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

A funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Anthony of Padua

Catholic Church, Angola. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family, in care of Linda Lidey.

James Muhn

CALGARY, Alberta, Canada — James R. Muhn, 49, of Calgary, died Aug. 1.

He is survived by his mother, Marjorie Muhn of Arizona; and a sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Keith Webb of Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. in McInnis & Holloway's Crowfoot Chapel, 82 Crowfoot Circle N.W., Calgary, with interment at Queen's Park Cemetery.

In living memory, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Amy Olson

ANGOLA — Amy Michelle Olson, age 16 weeks and five days, died Monday at 11:15 a.m. in Riley Children's Hospital at Indianapolis.

She was born April 10, 1996, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, to David A. and Michelle M. (Kovalow) Olson, who survive at home in Angola.

Also surviving are her twin sister, Jana E. Olson, and sister Kara K. Olson, both at home; paternal grandparents George and Carol Olson of New Carlisle; and maternal grandparents Michael and Julia Kovalow of Portage.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. David Kovalow-St. John officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Riley Memorial Association for Amy Olson Memorial, 50 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Douglas Robinson

ANGOLA — Douglas L. Robinson, 37, died Sunday in Angola.

He worked at Huffman's Farm in Homer, Mich., and lived in Angola.

He was born June 8, 1959, in

Albion, Mich., to Dennis and Juanita (Hackworth) Robinson. His mother survives in Albion, Mich., and his father is deceased.

He married Laurie A. Fulton on Sept. 22, 1989, in Marshall, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brandon D. and Shane A., both at home; one daughter, Kandice M., at home; and one brother, Danny R. of Albion.

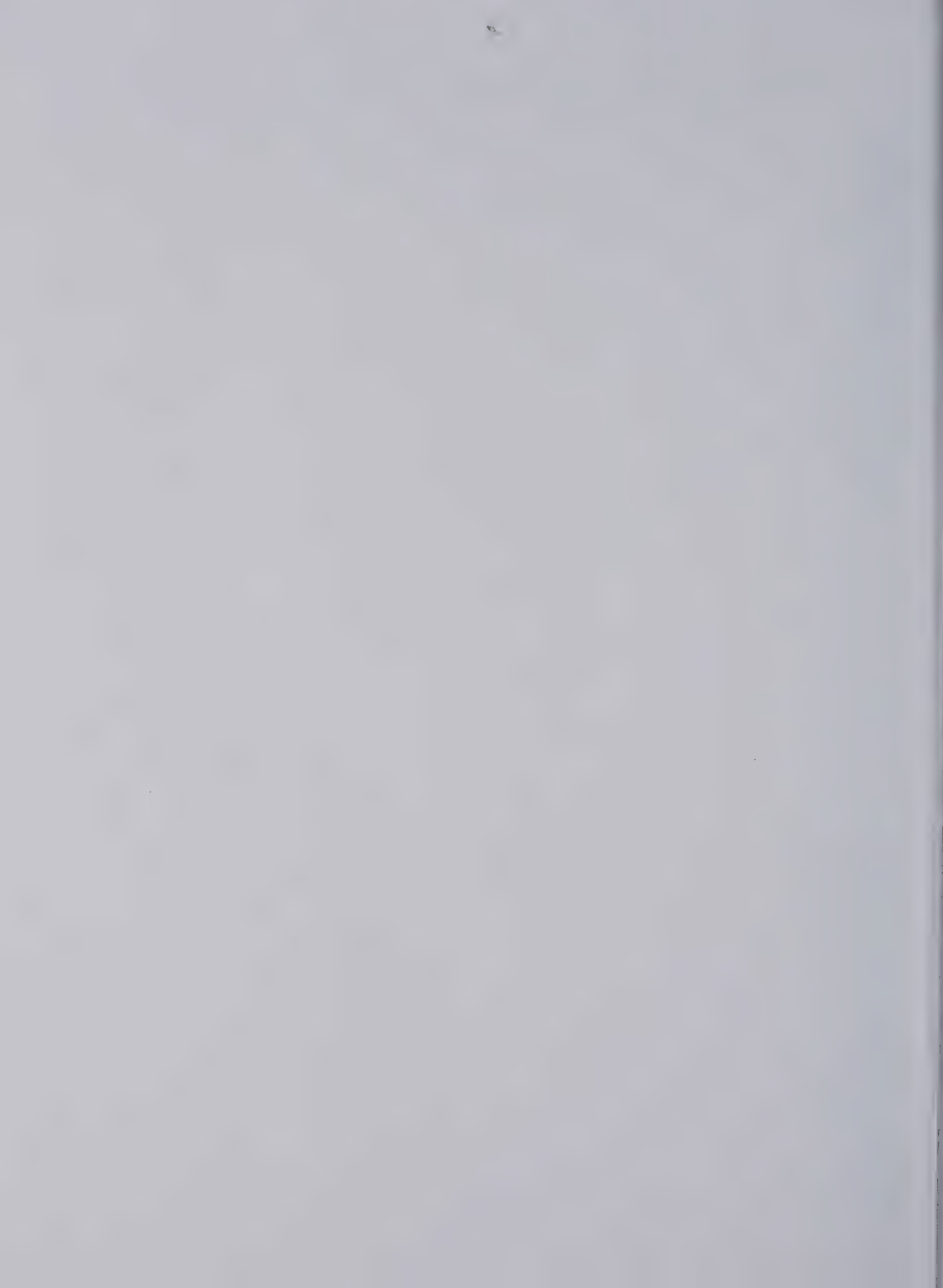
One brother, Darrell, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel in Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.





Deaths/Funerals

Brittany Geisinger

ALBION — Infant Brittany Marie Fulk Geisinger was stillborn Tuesday about 1 p.m. in Whitley County Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

Surviving are her parents, Marie Geisinger of Albion and Chad Fulk, also of Albion; maternal grandparents, Larry and Linda Geisinger of Albion; maternal great-grandparents, Anna Geisinger of Auburn, and William and Jackie Myers of Auburn; a maternal great-great-grandmother, Crystal Stein of Kingsley, Mich.; paternal grandparents, Teri and Steve Fulk of Albion; and paternal great-grandparents, Bob and Anna Fulk of Albion.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Nicolas Pasquale

LOGANSPOUT — Nicolas Pasquale, 88, died Wednesday at 10:20 a.m. in Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

He retired in 1973 from the Penn Central Railroad as a track supervisor with 50 years of service. He lived in Logansport.

He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a charter member and trustee of the William Paca Lodge, Order of the Sons of Italy in America.

Mr. Pasquale was born Dec. 4, 1907, in Castelveter, Valfortore, Italy, to the late Domenico and Incronata (Brasile) Pasquale.

He married Catherine M. Bessignano on Oct. 26, 1929, in Peru, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sherry Pasquale of Logansport; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rosann and Ken Haines of Logansport, Mary Catherine and Gene Miller of Indianapolis, and Margaret and Ron Fouts of Waterloo; one brother, Tom of Logansport; one sister, Marie Perkins of Logansport; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren

and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, one daughter, one grandson, four brothers and one sister.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport. A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

A William Paca lodge service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will stand guard Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A funeral Mass will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport. Father Kevin Haines, Father Donald Gross, and Father Leo Hagerty will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be given to All Saints Catholic School.

William Cody

WATERLOO — William F. Cody, 56, died today at 4:15 a.m. in his Waterloo home.

He was a self-employed carpenter and attended the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

He was born Nov. 4, 1938, in Dixon, Tenn., to the late Lester and Mable (Rodgers) Cody.

He married Ora Lee Sumner on Nov. 20, 1976, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, William F. Jr. of New Carlisle, Ohio, Timothy of San Diego, Calif., and Jimmy W. of Waterloo; three daughters, Robyn Cody of Garrett, Karen J. Vance of New Carlisle, and Tina M. Cantrel of West Liberty, Ky.; two stepsons, Ricky D. Combs of Kendallville and Scotty R. Combs of Wolcottville; one brother, Tommy of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Opal G. Gidiens of Dayton and Daphne Treadwell of Dixon, Tenn.; and 15 grandchildren.

One brother, James Darrell, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Sat-

urday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Area Deaths

OSSIAN — Lillian L. Earl, 87, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home, Ossian. No calling.



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Harold Kennedy

COLDWATER, Mich. — Harold Kennedy, 83, of Coldwater Lake, died at 4 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Mr. Kennedy, formerly of Fort Wayne, had worked as a machinist at American Hoist.

He was born June 25, 1913, in Fairfield, Ill., to Joseph and Minta (Weber) Kennedy.

His wife, Margurite, preceded him in death in 1991.

Surviving are a son, Byron, of Coldwater; four grandchildren, Cindy Pickett of Auburn, and Kathy, Kevin and Christy Kennedy of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lawrence Kennedy of Andrews, Ind., and Henry Kennedy of Van Buren, Ind.; a sister, Lorene Reynolds of Andrews; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation is taking place today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bohn Chapel in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Thomas Ballard officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Branch County, Mich., Hospice or Cancer Society.

Robert Allion

ANGOLA — Robert F. Allion, 82, died Thursday at 7:44 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Allion was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1942-46 in the European theater of operations. He retired in 1984 from the Butler Co. in Butler, where he had worked 47 years as an accountant, secretary, treasurer, vice president and interim president prior to his retirement. He was a 1933 Angola High School graduate and a 1936 Tri-State University graduate.

He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge, Angola American Legion Post 31, Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 7, 1914, in Angola, to William and Teresa (Rommel) Allion.

He is survived by one son, Mark Allion of Kokomo; one sister, Harriet Kingsbury of Angola; and three grandchildren, Todd, Greg and Sarah Allion.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Harley, Harvey, William Jr., and Marvin Allion. He also was preceded in death by his former wife, Alberta, this year.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Anna Parker

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Anna E. Parker, 87, died Thursday in the early afternoon at Fountain Manor Care Center, Hicksville. She was a resident at the center for the past 23 years.

Mrs. Parker was born Oct. 4, 1908, in Antwerp, Ohio, to the late Frank and Lizzie Sunday.

She married William "Bill" Parker on June 16, 1928, in Fort Wayne, and he died in 1962.

Surviving are one daughter, Iris (Mrs. Max) Woodcox of Antwerp; two sons, Douglas of Washington, Ill., and Richard of Waterloo; one daughter-in-law, Pattie Gallant of Hicksville; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert; one daughter, Pauline; four brothers and four sisters.

Friends may call Saturday after 3 p.m. and Sunday after 9 a.m. (all Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor John Naugle of the Hicksville First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Fountain Manor Care Center.

Delon Kief

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Delon L. Kief, 31, died early Thursday morning in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was injured in an automobile accident near Hicksville Tuesday.

Mr. Kief had worked at Trident Corp. in Hicksville for the past four years. He was a 1983 graduate of Fairview High School and a member of the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle. He lived in Hicksville.

He was born March 1, 1965, in Hicksville to Richard and Glenna Treaster Kief. His parents survive.

He married Leanna Morgan on Aug. 6, 1983, in Farmer, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kristina and Jennifer, both at home; three sisters, Vickie Meyer of Payne, Ohio, Kayln Severence of Edgerton, Ohio, and Natasha Kief of Hicksville; and his grandparents,

LaVon and Luella Treaster of Hicksville, and Darold Kief of Auburn.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Eugene McCormack officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

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The Evening Star, Sat., Aug. 10, 1996,

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Cloyd 'Tom' Haffner

BUTLER — Cloyd F. "Tom" Haffner, 71, died Thursday at 8:45 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mr. Haffner lived in Butler and had retired in 1982 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, with 30 years of service. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Nov. 12, 1924, in

Portland, Ind., to the late Richie and Mary (Bird) Haffner.

He married Helen Burns on Nov. 29, 1958, and she died April 1, 1968. He then married Edna M. Rollins on Oct. 5, 1968, in Garrett and she survives.

He also is survived by four sisters, Louanna Witherspoon of Garrett, Lora Freeman of Lousantville, Freda Romero of Elkhart and Erma James of Florida; one stepson, Robert Mock,

Guernsey, Ohio; four stepgrandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Betty Scott; a sister, Betty Haffner; and three brothers, Dale, Fred, and Donald Haffner.

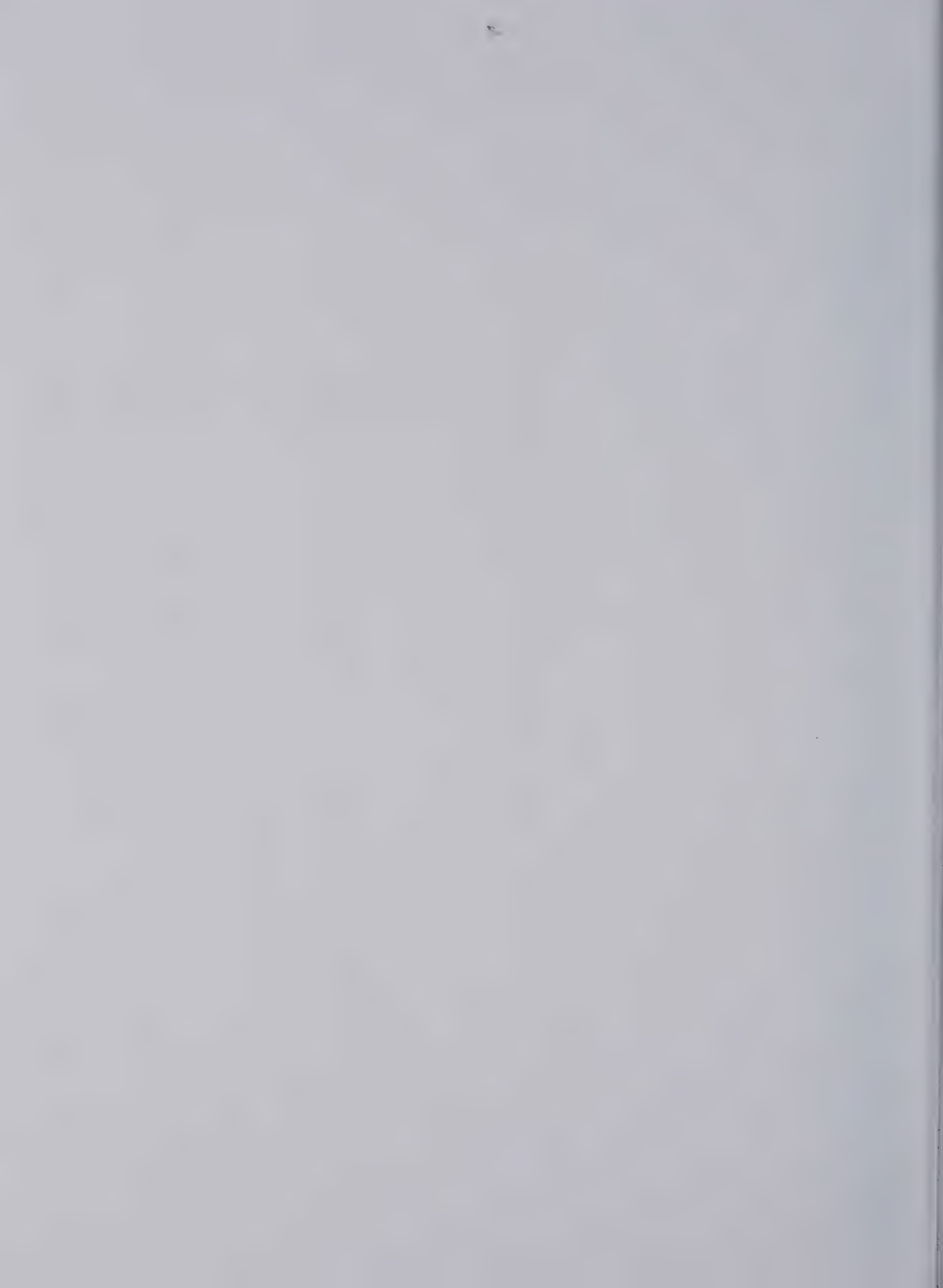
Graveside services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Clair Timberlin

AUBURN — Clair W. Timberlin, 85, died Sunday at 5:50 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home, Waterloo.

He retired in 1975 after 38 years as a supervisor at Auburn's Warner Gear. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and DeKalb Lodge 214 F.&A.M.

Mr. Timberlin was born May 12, 1911, in Grand Ledge, Mich., to the late Jacob and Dottie (Feagler) Timberlin.

He married Merium Mary Weidner on Jan. 3, 1932, in Spencerville. She died June 17, 1987.

Mr. Timberlin is survived by two sons, David of Phoenix, Ariz., and Michael of Auburn; one daughter, Charlotte Pfister of Auburn; one sister, Mary E. Brown of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Maish officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Earl Baker

BUTLER — Earl T. Baker, 85, died Sunday at 2:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Baker was a self-employed salesman and former owner of The Bar in Montpelier, Ohio, from 1956 to 1961. He was a member of Butler Eagles Lodge 2733.

He was born June 20, 1911, in Butler to the late William and Della (Oberlin) Baker.

He married Betty J. Stebing on June 28, 1942, in Ringold, Ga., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ronald E. Sr. of Butler; one daughter, Jeanne Jensen of Butler; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Chester and Clarence, and one sister, Cora Baker, preceded him in death.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after noon. The Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Helen Dickenson

AUBURN — Helen Irene Dickenson, 84, died Saturday at 5:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived on West Sixteenth Street in Auburn.

Mrs. Dickenson was born Dec. 31, 1911, in Auburn to the late Theodore and Josephine (Ramsey) Donley.

She married William Dale Dickenson on Jan. 1, 1930, in Auburn and he died May 15, 1971.

Surviving are one son, Bill of Auburn; one daughter, Barbara Winters of Beverly Hills, Calif.; one brother, DeWayne Donley of Monterey, Calif.; one sister, Pauline Coffel of Mishawaka; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Mildred Carpenter

ANGOLA — Mildred E. Carpenter, 88, died Saturday at 12:10 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church.

She was born March 11, 1908, in York Township, Steuben County, to Curtis A. and Ada (Wiser) Court. She married Purnell K. Carpenter, who preceded her in death in 1963.

She is survived by one son, Bill L. Carpenter, Bebe, Ark.; one daughter, Donna Maugherman of Angola; one nephew, cousins, seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Pauline Warford.

Her funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. James Saunders will officiate. Friends may call for one hour before the service time. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Angola Christian Church.

Elva Hook

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Elva L. Hook, 96, died early Friday evening in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She formerly lived in Southern Hills Apartments in Hicksville. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1919 and lived in DeKalb County before moving to Hicksville in 1978. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and its United Methodist Women. She was a past member of the Newville Township Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Hook was born Nov. 2, 1899, in Defiance County, Ohio, to the late Charles and Amanda Farlow Hilbert.

She married Ira K. Hook on Feb. 18, 1920, and he died Dec. 24, 1978.

Surviving are three daughters, Leitha Evans of Bellview, Fla., Eloise Cook of Fort Wayne, and Dorothy Shanks of Findlay, Ohio; two sons, Wayne of Knoxville, Tenn., and Vance of Harlan; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Claron Hilbert, and one sister, Erma Hedges, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. and Tuesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

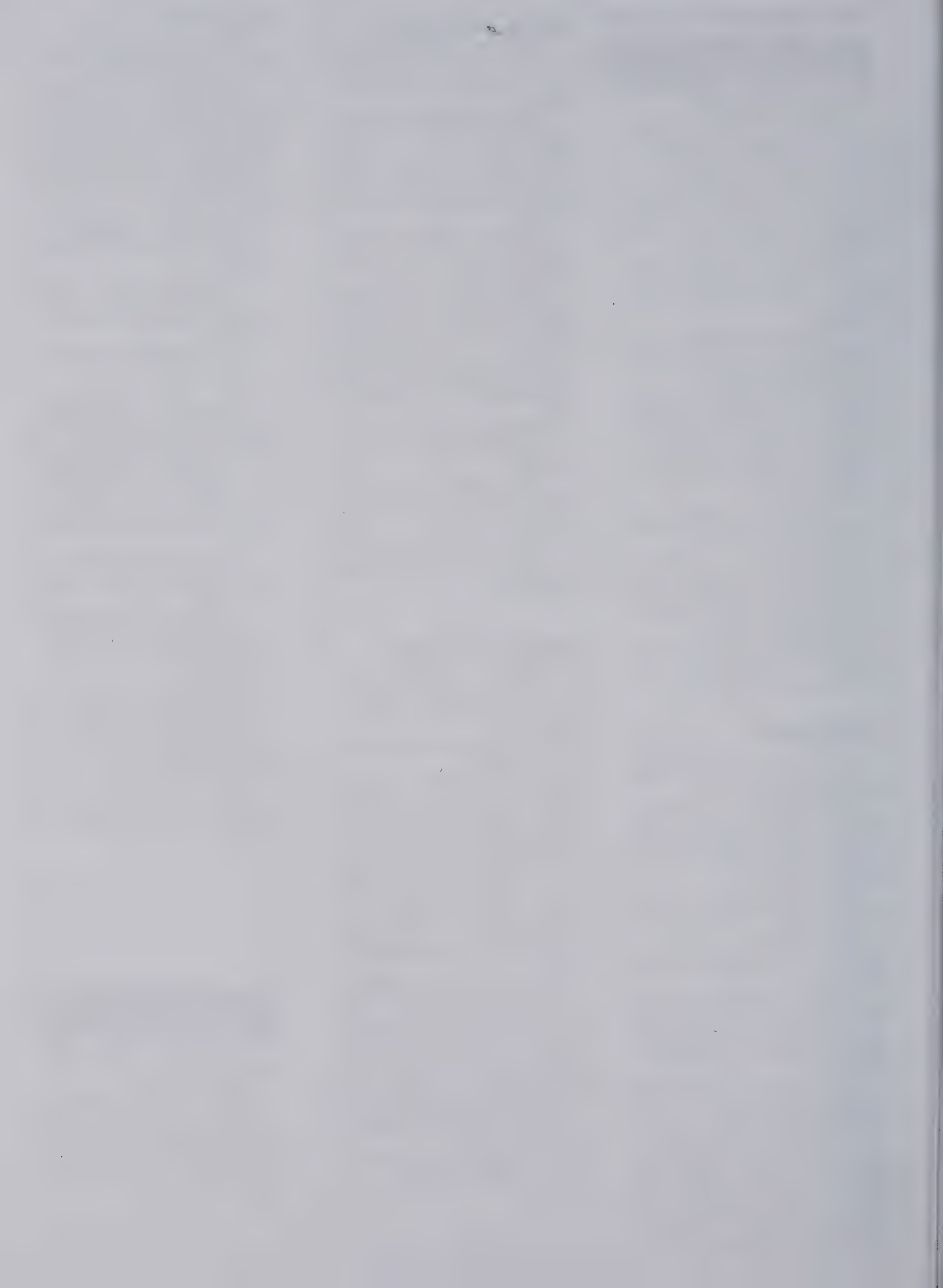
Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tom Graves of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Irene Helen Brettell, 61, died Friday. Services were today in Warsaw.

SILVER LAKE — David L. Bratten, 37, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.



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Evening Star

James Layton

ANGOLA — James Richard Layton Jr., 29, died Saturday at 3:45 a.m. in an automobile accident on Sycamore Beach Road, Angola.

He was a student at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1966, in Jacksonville, Fla., to James Richard and Judy (Gatta) Layton.

He is survived by his father and his father's wife, James Richard and Anne Layton of Salem, Mass.; his mother and her husband, Judy and Robert Slusser of Angola; one daughter, Alexandra Judith Layton, who lives at home; one sister, Tammy D. Wittman of Indianapolis; one stepsister, Gail Ann Powell of Columbus, Ohio; and grandparents, Polly Mullis of Palatka, Fla., and Jim Layton of Jacksonville.

Services are pending at Town and Country Funeral Home, Jacksonville. Burial will be in Riverside Memorial Park, Jacksonville. Local arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Donald Presdorf

HOWE — Donald D. Presdorf, 79, died Saturday at 3:10 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer and former Clay Township trustee. He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of First Presbyterian Church, LaGrange.

He was a former member of the LaGrange County Fair Association and LaGrange Rotary Club. He served as a Democratic precinct chairman for Clay Township for 32 years.

Mr. Presdorf was born Feb. 21, 1917, in French Township, Adams County, to the late Willis A. and Dula Belle (Erhart) Presdorf.

He married Julia L. Antonides on March 1, 1938, in Howe, and she died Nov. 3, 1993.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary B. Davis of West Chester, Ohio; two sons, John E. of Plainfield, and David D. of Butler; one sister, Bernice Engle of Monroe; one brother, Robert Presdorf of LaGrange, and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stanley R. Wilson and the Rev. David J. Crowley officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorial donations may be given to the First Presbyterian Church or LaGrange Rotary Club scholarship fund.

Nicholas Hargarten

VALPARAISO — Nicholas P. Hargarten, 76, died Friday at his home in Valparaiso.

He was a construction foreman for Valparaiso Homes from 1961 to 1983. He had lived in Valparaiso since 1951 and formerly lived in Cicero, Ill. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church of Valparaiso and Knights of Columbus Council 738. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Navy Seabees from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Hargarten was born April 19, 1920, in Chicago to the late Nicholas and Elizabeth (Dolan) Hargarten.

He married Julia Haynen on May 8, 1948, in Mary Queen of Heaven Church in Cicero, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, Robert and Paul, both of Auburn, Philip of Portage, Thomas and John, both of Valparaiso, Nicholas of Westville, and Lawrence of Clinton, Wis.; four daughters, Mary Ann Clark of Carmel, Margaret Wyckoff of Valparaiso, Julia Wyatt of Fort Wayne, and Christine Palmer of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two brothers, William, of Oak Park, Ill., and Francis of Hickory Hills, Ill.; and two sisters, Grace Folliard and Laurie Cahill, both of Brookfield, Ill.

Two brothers, Robert and Thomas, preceded him in death.

A funeral Mass was conducted today at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Catholic

Church, Valparaiso, with Msgr. John J. Charlebois officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Valparaiso.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Paul Catholic Church or the VNA Hospice.

Dykes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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Deaths/Funerals

Helen Green

WINTERHAVEN, Fla. — Helen O. Green, 92, died today in Winterhaven Hospital at Winterhaven, Fla.

She owned Helen's Beauty Shop in Garrett and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

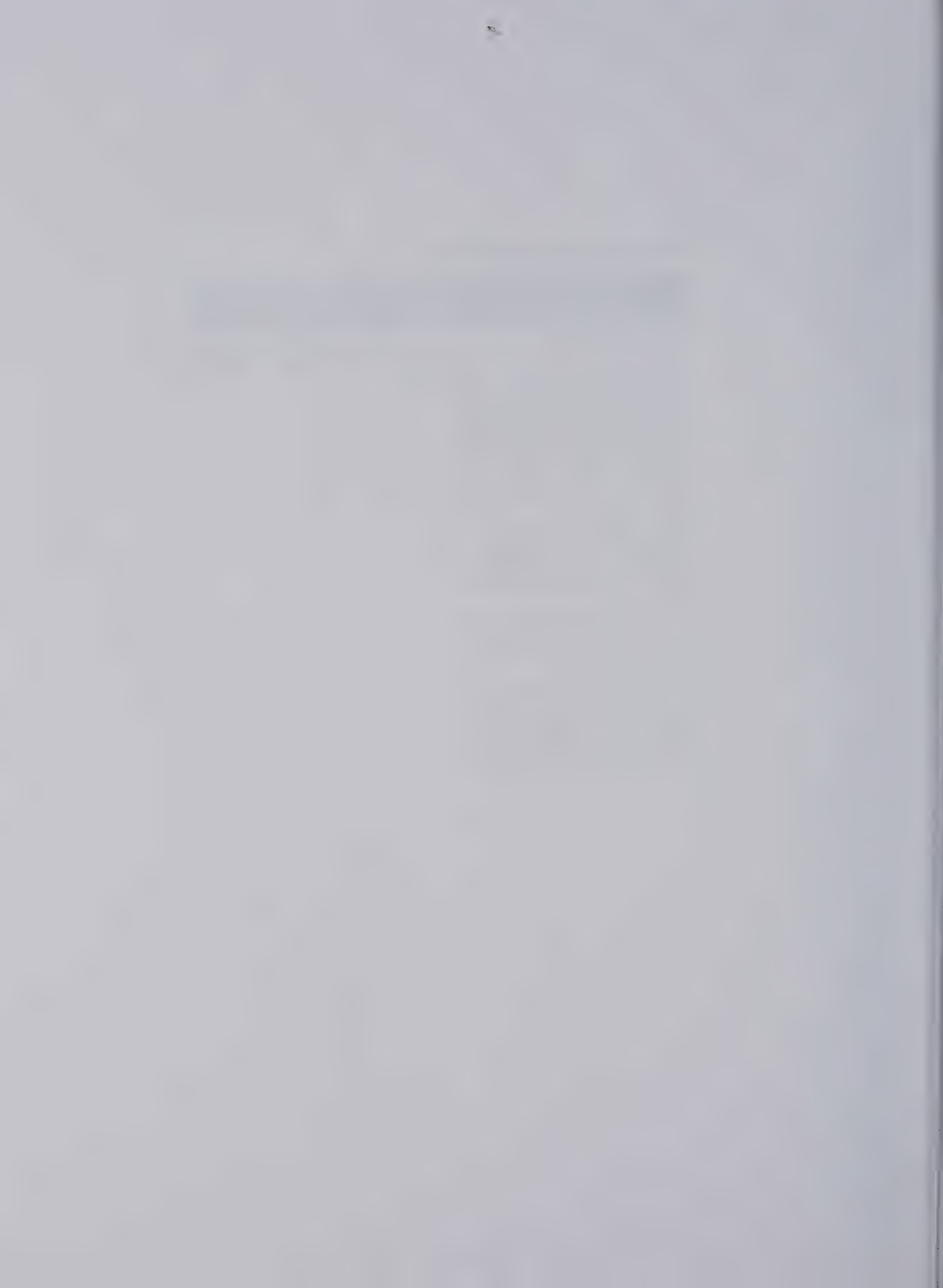
She was born Jan. 14, 1904, in Syracuse to the late Artie and Maude (Peoples) Ott.

Surviving are four nieces, Lois Albaugh and Cheryl Bishop, both of Winterhaven, Barbara Bishop of Atlanta, Ga., and Joann Packingham of Elkhart.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Russell Griffith; her second husband, Arden Green; and a brother, Joe Ott.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. There will be no calling.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.



Deaths/Funerals

Madalynne Gary

FREMONT — Madalynne Gary, 75, of Clear Lake, died Monday at 8:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a retired cafeteria worker for Fremont Community Schools and a member of the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Gary was born May 14, 1921, in Fremont to Olin and Gladys (Davis) Mingus.

Her husband, Dale, preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gordon (Judy) Cleckner of Fremont; a son, Fred Gary of Bonita Springs, Fla.; two grandsons, Jeffery Cleckner of Chicago and Lucas Gary of Bonita Springs; a sister, Mrs. Ray (Beverly) Newbauer of Fremont; and two brothers, Howard Mingus of Fremont and Max Mingus of Jackson, Mich.

Visitation is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Iva Courtney

ANGOLA — Iva Marie Courtney, 76, died Tuesday at 12:50 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Courtney, who was a teacher and school diagnostician in Lake Odessa and Barry County, Mich., had lived in Angola for 12 years after moving from Leesburg, Fla. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

She raised in Lake Odessa, Mich., where she was born Oct. 21, 1919, to John and Clara (Hendee) White.

On May 17, 1941, she married Ivan Courtney, who preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1980. Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Andrew Price, in 1978; and a sister, Merva Bowen.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Olinske of Marion, Carol Hicks of Vinita, Okla., and Beverly Price of Caledonia, Mich.; three sisters, Doriene Demond of Hastings, Mich., Leona Speas of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Dorothy Ross of

Haviland, Kan.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Visitation in Michigan will take place from 6-8 p.m. (Michigan time) Friday at Koops Funeral Home, Lake Odessa. Michigan services will begin at 11 a.m. (Michigan time) Saturday at Kilpatrick United Brethren Church, Lake Odessa.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to Fairview Missionary Church.

Lois Lichtsinn

SPENCERVILLE — Lois M. Lichtsinn, 70, died Tuesday afternoon in her Spencerville home.

Mrs. Lichtsinn was a homemaker and member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville.

She was born Nov. 3, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Frank Elroy and Sarah Emmogene (Doty) Amstutz. Her mother survives in Spencerville and her father is deceased.

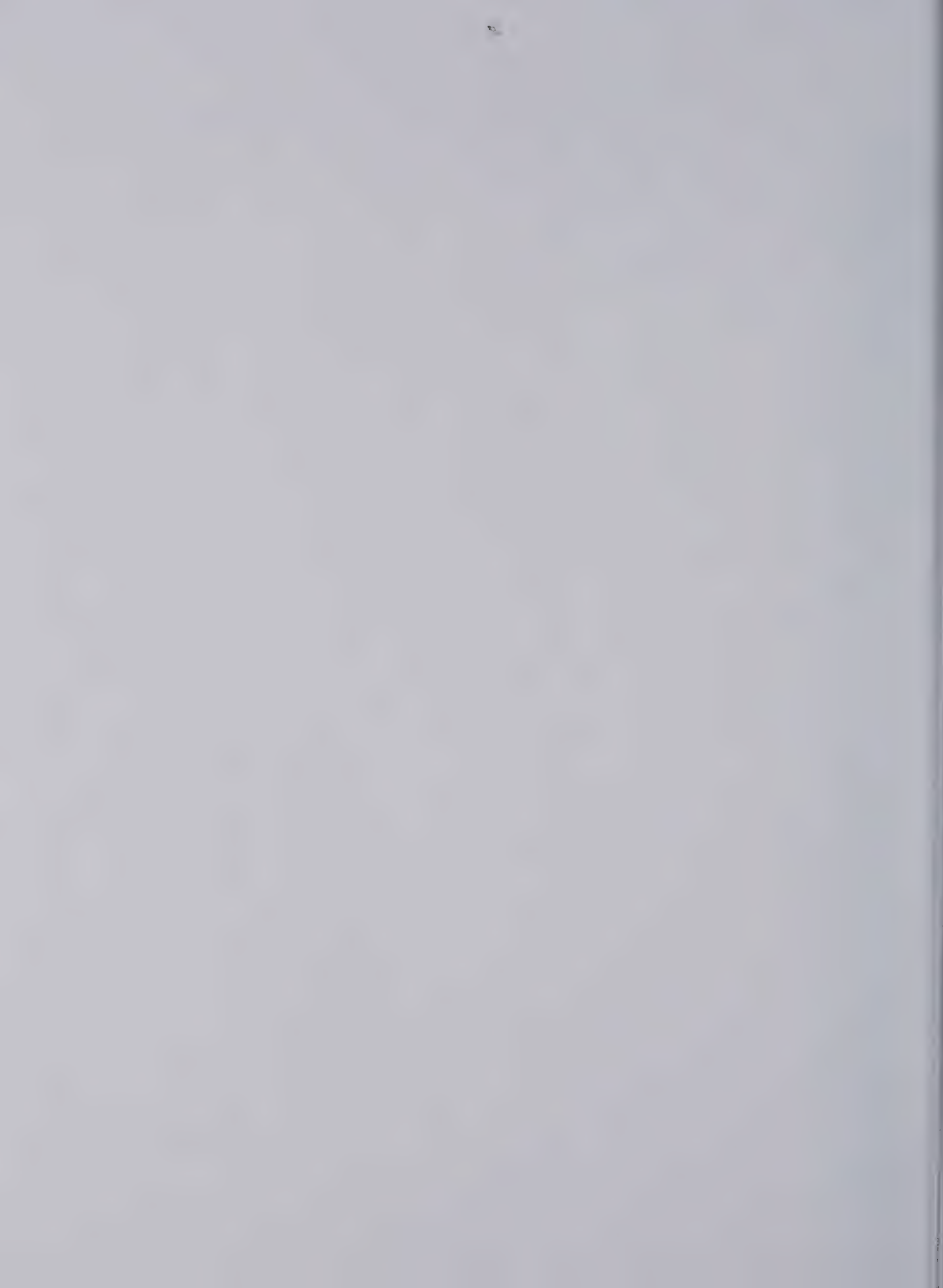
She married Robert C. Lichtsinn, on May 21, 1945, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ned A. of Spencerville; two daughters, Nancy A. Lichtsinn-Fish of South Bend and Nona A. Lichtsinn-Hill of Leo; one brother, John E. Johnson of Spencerville; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Paul Row officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, Memorial Chairman, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706.



Deaths/Funerals

Alfred Healy

BUTLER — Alfred H. Healy, 64, died today at 5 a.m. in Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Healy was a retired employee of Commercial Shearing in Butler, with 18 years of service. He was a 10-year veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Butler Eagles Lodge, and the CB Club of Northeast Indiana.

He was born April 8, 1932, in Butler to the late Harvey and Signa (Philo) Healy.

Surviving are two brothers, Donald and Myles, both of Butler; and one sister, Rosella DePew of Urbana, Ohio.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery, Butler.

Grace Baker

FORT WAYNE — Grace A. Baker, 94, died Wednesday at 7:14 a.m. in her Fort Wayne home. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

She was born July 3, 1902, in DeKalb County to the late Andrew and Cora (Huffman) Sponhower. Her husband, Ralph R., died in 1959.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Foland and Bette Way, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Ralph of Fort Wayne and Gerald of Spencerville; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

John Cowell

FREMONT — John Wayne Cowell, 54, died Wednesday at 11:01 p.m. in his rural Fremont home.

Mr. Cowell was a forklift driver at Wheeltek in Fremont and a member of the Fremont Moose lodge.

He was born Oct. 7, 1941, in Los Angeles to Elmer and Lulu (Ivy) Cowell.

On Aug. 11, 1990, he married Mary Jane Henderson. His wife survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Mark Cowell of Angola; two daughters, Tammy Dale of Buena Park, Calif., and Debbie Tone of Lake Elsinore, Calif.; two stepsons, Terry Shaw of Fremont, and John Shaw of Quincy, Mich.; five stepdaughters, Diana Worthington of Angola, Barbara Shaw of Fremont, Deanna Jackson of Angola, Frances Gibson of Quincy, and Arlinda Gibson of Angola; seven grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorial donations may be made to the family. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Billie Rheinheimer

ANGOLA — Billie Rheinheimer, 60, of Angola, died Wednesday at 11:55 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Rheinheimer was retired from Eagle-Picher Plastics Division in Ashley.

He was born Dec. 20, 1935, in York, S.D., to John Fredrick and Gertrude (Yoder) Rheinheimer.

In 1958, he married Clara Sattison, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Michelle Rheinheimer of Fort Wingate, N.M.; five brothers, Raymond of Shipshewana, Jacob of Bristol, John of Westfield, James of Osceola, and Stanley of Maidens, Va.; four sisters, Sadie Henry of Mesa, Ariz., Marion Brown of Topeka, Mrs. Bill (Della) Hooley of Goshen, and Mrs. Jerry (Rita) Tuttle of Mesa.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services will follow with Brother John DiMarzio officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eugene Feaser

ANGOLA — Eugene W. Feaser, 86, died Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. at his home in Angola.

Mr. Feaser had lived in Angola since 1949, after moving from South Bend. He was the owner of the Dixie Restaurant in Angola for 23 years.

He also was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, the Barton Smith Masonic Lodge No. 0613 (for more than 50 years), St. John's No. 020 Knights Templar of Youngstown, Ohio, and the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born April 6, 1910, in Enola, Pa., to William and Maggie (Hess) Feaser.

On March 23, 1940, he married Gladys Leedy. She survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joy Slate of Winter Park, Fla.; six brothers, Donald of Boiling Springs, Pa., Harold of Marysville, Pa., Marlin of Lebanon, Pa., Stanley of Harrisburg, Pa., Ernest of Wrightsville, Pa., and Robert of Harrisburg; a sister, Elsie Parmer of Harrisburg; and two grandsons, Daniel and Gerrick Slate of Winter Park. Other brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Masonic services will

begin at 7:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Visitation in Pennsylvania will be from 1-2 p.m. (Pennsylvania time) Monday at the Ronald C.L. Smith Funeral Home, Duncannon, Pa. Services will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, with the Rev. Dorothy Mitchell and the Rev. B. Michael Brossman officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Duncannon.

Memorial donations may be made to the Council on Aging van fund, Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church and the Pennsylvania Cancer Association.

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Lucille Warble

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lucille L. Warble, 82, of Wolcottville, died at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

She was born in Kendallville Dec. 1, 1913, to Charlie and Grace (Sierra) Greenwalt. On July 14, 1969, in Auburn, she married James Warble. He survives.

Mrs. Warble had been a cook and waitress at the V&A Restaurant in Kendallville for many years and retired from Monsanto Co. where she been a trimmer for nine years. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier.

Surviving are four daughters, Dolores Kline of Wawaka, Erma Flora of South Bend, Nan Nicoski of St. Paul, Minn., and Judy Dawson of Angola; a son, Paul Wilson of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. until services on Saturday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Martha Rawles**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Berean Baptist Church, Albion. Calling 2-9 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Mabel Marie Geiger**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Blue River Church of the Brethren, rural Columbia City. Calling 7-9 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Kaelie Cusick

AVILLA — Kaelie Cusick, 4, was pronounced dead Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw from injuries received from a fall down a flight of stairs.

She was born Dec. 18, 1991, in Goshen to Richard and Lisa

(Bryant) Cusick. Her mother and stepfather, Mark and Lisa Teders, survive in Avilla; her father and stepmother, Richard and Sherrie Cusick, survive in Cromwell.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, Anthony Cusick of Avilla; two stepbrother, Austin Teders of Anderson, and Justin Budd of Cromwell; two stepsisters, Ashlee Teders of Anderson, and Kristin Budd of Cromwell; maternal grandparents, Bill and Bonnie Bryant of Ligonier, and Pauline White of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, Bill and Sharon Cusick of Cromwell; stepgrandparents, Herman and Harriett Teders of Avilla, and Mitch and Carmen Cousino of Swanton, Ohio; and stepgreat-grandparents, Geraldine Malcom of Garrett, Charles and Mercedes Watson of Holland, Ohio, and Ellen McClure of Sylvania, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Doug Holley officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

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Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert Kelly Fugate**, 81, of Columbia City, died Thursday. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Martha Weaver**, 20, of rural LaGrange, died Thursday. Calling after 10 a.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home at 7450W C.R. 50N, LaGrange. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Glen Bontrager residence at 7370W C.R. 50N, LaGrange.

AVILLA — **Ada Marie Thompson**, 76, of Avilla, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Monday at Brazzell's Funeral Home in Avilla. Calling from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral and two hours before the services Monday at the funeral home.

NEW HAVEN — **Alma M. Yerks**, 90, of New Haven, died Friday at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Woodburn Missionary Church in Woodburn. Calling is 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven.

Deaths/Funerals

Rev. John Vrabely

GARRETT — The Rev. John Vrabely, 68, died Sunday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 43 years. He was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, in June 1994 and had lived in Garrett two years.

He was born in Whiting to the late Stephen and Julia (Balog) Vrabely. He was educated at Sacred Heart School in Whiting and Sacred Heart Academy, Fort Wayne. He attended St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad and Mount Saint Mary's of the West in Norwood, Ohio.

He was ordained May 1, 1953, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, by Bishop John F. Noll.

He served as an assistant in St. Mary parish, Michigan City, Sacred Heart parish in South Bend, and taught at St. Joseph High School in South Bend. He was appointed superintendent of the high school in 1957 and an assistant to the pastor of Sacred Heart parish. He was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Bristol and area superintendent of schools in 1967. He was appointed diocesan coordinator of the permanent deacon program in 1973.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary Lasics of East Chicago and Sister Elizabeth Calire of St. Mary of the Woods; and one brother, the Rev. George Vrabely of LaPorte.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be recited Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the cathedral.

Services will take place Thursday at 1 p.m. in the cathedral, with calling after noon. Burial will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. John Cemetery, Hammond.

Mungovan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Brian Wallace

AUBURN — Brian A. Wallace, 17, died Monday at 6 a.m. in his home on DeKalb County Road 40, Auburn.

He was a junior at Garrett High School and worked as a grocery bagger at Kroger in Auburn. He was a member of the 4-H Lucky Birds, Garrett High School band and FFA.

He was born May 1, 1979, in Auburn to Max A. and Shirley A. (Haynes) Wallace. They survive.

Also surviving is his grandmother, Beverly Wallace of Garrett.

Friends may call Wednesday

from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County 4-H Shooting Sports.

Olga Zickafoose

MIDDLEBURY — Olga "Yogi" Zickafoose, 64, of Middlebury, died at 9:56 p.m. Sunday in St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend, where she was admitted three weeks ago.

She was born May 19, 1932, in Costa Rica to Paul and Amparo (Rodriguez) Trowbridge.

Mrs. Zickafoose had lived most of her life in Middlebury and had been a bookkeeper for Amerigo RV and Ger-Win Vans, both in Bristol.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Rob (Dawn) Bates of Middlebury, and Mrs. Dale (Fawn) Essig of Allentown, Pa.; a son, Kevin Zickafoose of Middlebury; eight

grandchildren; five sisters, Evelyn Rhodes of Etna Green, Lia Hood of New Paris, Felicia Stayton of Bristol, Linda Rapp of Leesburg, and Marina Towdul of Angola; and a brother, Glen Trowbridge of Leesburg.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Community Christian Academy in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Dwight Gossler, the Rev. Jung Wall and the Rev. Gordon Henke officiating. Burial and graveside services will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Caroline Cannon

NEW YORK — Caroline Florence Fuller Cannon, 49, died Aug. 2 in New York City.

She had been a freelance journalist in New York City for the last six years, after working for 10 years for the publications and agent training seminar areas of The Equitable Assurance Co. Prior to that, she wrote for a number of New York City publications. She won numerous awards for excellence in journalism and photography during her career.

Ms. Cannon was born May 15, 1947, in Cleveland, to the late John L. Cannon Jr. and Florence Fuller Cannon Hoag. Her stepmother and friend, Bernice Nolan Cannon, also preceded her in death.

She graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1965 and attended the University of South Dakota. She graduated from the University of Missouri in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism.

Surviving her are two brothers, John L. Cannon III of Auburn and Harry C. Deskey of Dupon, Ill.; three nieces, Carol Chandler, Connie Deskey and Barbara Muhick; and three nephews, Johnny Deskey, John Cannon IV, and Collier Cannon.

Services were conducted Saturday in Cleveland.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995 or Campus Crusade for Christ, 100 Sunport Lane, Suite 2100, Orlando, FL 32809.

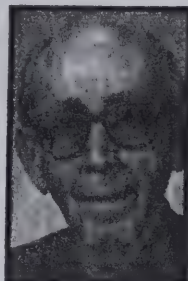


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Clayton Barron

SUMMERFIELD, Fla. — Clayton Barron, 84, of Summerfield, died Tuesday at 2:12 a.m. at his daughter's home in Milan, Mich.

Mr. Barron moved to the Fremont-Angola area in 1957, when he was a farmer and factory worker. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. After retiring, he moved to Summerfield, Fla., where he was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

He was born Oct. 29, 1911, in Newport, Mich., to Clarence and Lucille (Cousino) Barron.

His wife of 63 years, Lila (Johnson) Barron, survives him.

He also is survived by three sons, Bernard (and wife Lillian) of Lake, Mich., Gerald (and wife Evonne) of Windsor, Colo., and Joseph (and wife Connie) of Chico, Calif.; nine daughters, Patricia (and husband Gerald) Bowerman of Milan, Mich., Ethel Shields of

Atwater, Calif., Beatrice (and husband Robert) of Pleasant Lake, Monica (and husband Phil) Duncan of Summerfield, Fla., Virginia (and husband James) of Angola, Irene Barron of Angola, Nelda Bomia of Baltimore, and Edna Barron of Waldron, Mich.; two brothers, Joe (and wife Nona) Barron of Newport, Mich., and Amos (and wife Marie) Barron of Lincoln Park, Mich.; four sisters, Frances Rowee of Ypsilanti, Mich., Mary Fountain and Laura Mylan, both of Newport, Mich., and Viola (and husband Francis) Bonneau of Erie, Mich.; 57 grandchildren, 108 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Thelma Sisson; three grandchildren; and four sisters.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. A rosary service begins at 7 tonight at the funeral home.

A funeral mass begins at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Harry W. "Bill" Edmunds, 83, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

Brian Wallace

AUBURN — The location of services for Brian A. Wallace has been changed from McKee-Miles Funeral Home to the Performing Arts Center at Garrett High School. Lloyd Mealer, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, will conduct services Thursday at 1 p.m.

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John Pensinger

COLUMBIA CITY — John Earl Pensinger, 58, of Columbia City, died at 5 p.m. Monday in Whitley County Memorial Hospital where he was admitted Friday.

He was born Aug. 1, 1938, in Portland to Dale L. and Mary (Nixon) Pensinger.

Mr. Pensinger grew up in Wolf Lake and was a 1956 Wolf Lake High School graduate. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he moved to Fort Wayne and then to Columbia City in 1989. He had been employed by Dana Corp. for more than 30 years. He retired in April 1995.

Surviving are four brothers, Gerald L. Pensinger and Bill W. Pensinger, both of Albion, his twin brother, James E. Pensinger of Garrett, and Steve Pensinger of Bristol, Va.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Robert Yenna officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 6-8

p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to A.L.S. Association, 21021 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364.



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Deaths/Funerals

Elva Jackson-Gaskill

FORT WAYNE — Elva E. Jackson-Gaskill, 79, died Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was the administrative secretary of nursing service at Lutheran Hospital, retiring in 1980 with 18 years of service.

She was a member of the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, Fort Wayne, where she was an elder and historian. She wrote the history of the church for its 85th anniversary and wrote a complete history of the Old Minor School. She was an officer in the Christian Women's Fellowship and coordinator of the Friendship 52 Club. She was a state life member of the Indiana Parent Teachers Association.

She was born May 21, 1917.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Gaskill of Auburn, Jerry of Gaithersburg, Md., and David of Laurium, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Joanne Morey of Bend, Ore.; two sisters, Melba Remaklus and Elizabeth Shumaker, both of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Margaret Hauge

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret E. Hauge, 77, died Wednesday at 10:10 a.m. in Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for one month.

Mrs. Hauge retired in 1976 as a registered nurse from King Fisdle Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She was a World War II veteran, serving as a nurse in the U.S. Army. She had lived in Kendallville for one year, moving there from Nevada.

She was born May 8, 1919, in Yankton, S.D., to the late Benedict H. and Loretta M. (Walsh) Bliss.

She married Charles E. Hauge on Feb. 8, 1944, in Riverside, Calif., and he died Oct. 22, 1963.

Surviving are two sons, Albert E. of Auburn and William C. of San Diego, Calif.; one brother, Robert Bliss of Omaha, Neb.; and two grandchildren, Allison and Erin Hauge, both of Auburn.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

There will be no calling or services. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Samuel J. Koch**, 55, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 10 a.m. until services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Peter G. Kuttner**, 71, died Saturday. No services or calling.



Deaths/Funerals

Geraldine Hurni

AUBURN — Mrs. Geraldine G. Hurni, 85, of Hawthorne Court, Auburn, died Thursday morning in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a former employee of the J.C. Penney Co. in Albion and was a retired employee of the Noble County Co-op. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and the Auburn Garden Club and a volunteer worker for the Curiosity Shop, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 24, 1910, in Kendallville to Edward and Addie (Miller) Haynes. Her first husband, Keith Seymoure, died in 1967 and her second husband, Willard L. Hurni, died in 1984.

She is survived by a stepson, Maurice L. Hurni of Union Mills; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Leila M. Morre of St. Joe, Mrs. Jean Shockley of St. Joe, and Mrs. Barbara A. Timmerman of Spencerville; a niece, Becky Schermerhorn of Wawaka; a nephew, Mike Haynes of Muncie; 13 stepgrandchildren; 22 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Scott Coulter of the Auburn Presbyterian Church officiating.

Friends may call today from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home or one hour prior to services Saturday.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Gene Pressler

COLUMBIA CITY — Gene R. Pressler, 69, of rural Columbia City near Tri-Lakes, died unexpectedly

Wednesday at 9:50 p.m. in his home after suffering an apparent heart attack.

He was born in Collins in Whiteley County on April 14, 1927, to Riley and Lola (Gauze) Pressler. His mother survives in Columbia City. On May 14, 1949, he was married in Churubusco to Ruth Pippenger. She also survives.

Mr. Pressler grew up in the Collins community and was educated in the Collins and Churubusco schools. He was a U.S. Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean conflict. He had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and later for several years at International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1981. He was a member of Big Lake Church of God, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving with his wife and mother are four sons, Larry A. Pressler of Churubusco, Stephen G. Pressler of Columbia City, Thomas D. Pressler of Spencerville, and Gregory L. Pressler of Apolo Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Tod Pressler of Churubusco, and Allen Pressler of Webster, N.Y.; a sister, Mary Pressler of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Max E. "Mike" Pressler Aug. 16, 1992, and a grandson, John Pressler on April 2, 1994.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Greg Capsel and the Rev. Paul E. Dreger officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with military graveside rites by Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

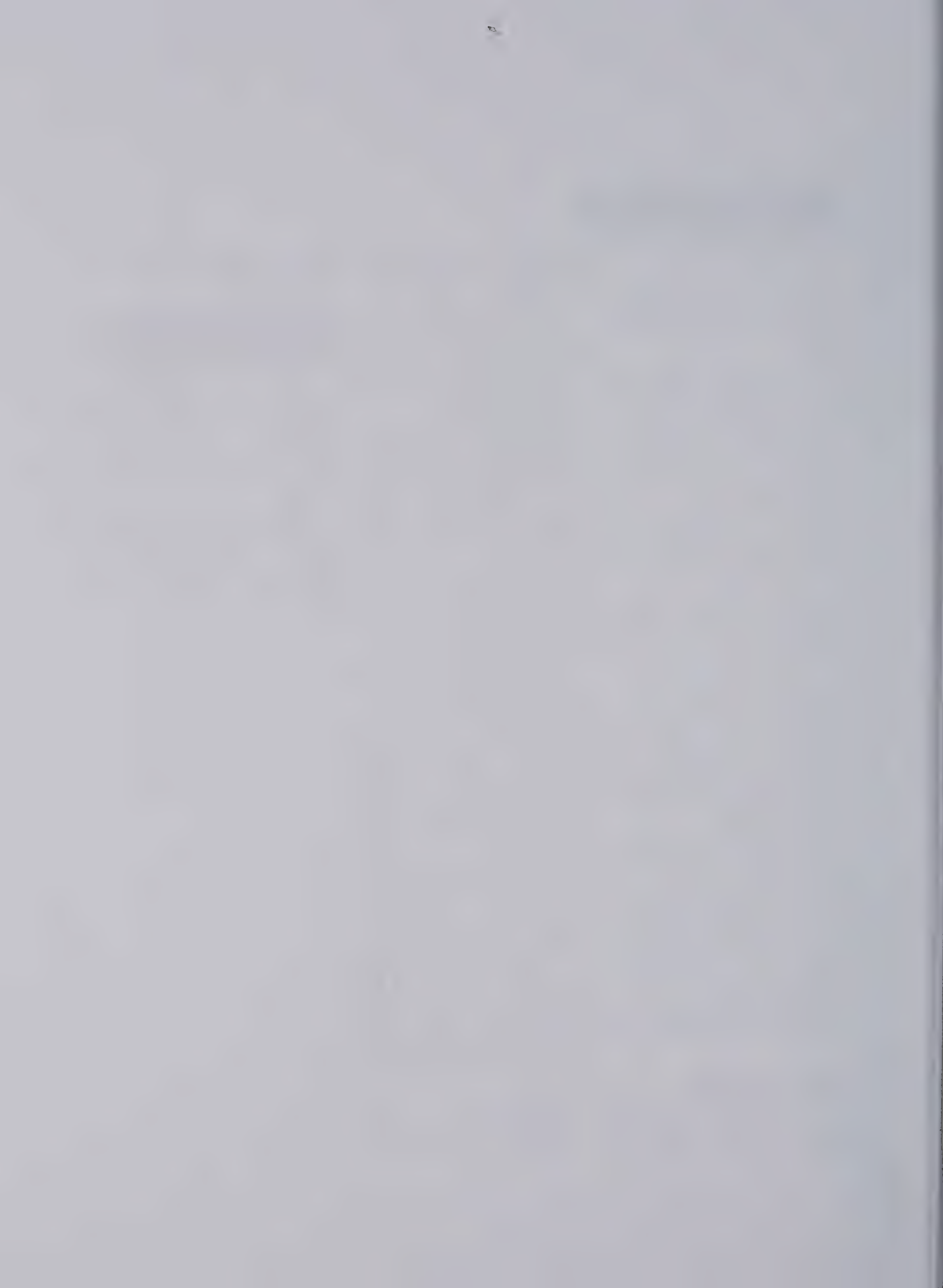
Preferred memorials are to Big

Lake Church of God, Green Center Community Center or the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

BLUFFTON — Cora A. Hoepfner, 98, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in First United Church of Christ, Bluffton. Calling 2-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday in Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton.

NEW HAVEN — Charles Jacobson, 83, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.



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Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth Golden

HUDSON — Kenneth E. Golden, 86, died Friday at his home in Hudson.

Mr. Golden built and was co-owner of Angola Die Cast from 1964-65. He owned the Golden Treat Restaurant and Duds-N-Suds Laundromat from 1960-1970.

He was affiliated with Grace Baptist Church of Angola, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pine Island, Fla.

He was born July 26, 1910, in Lima, Ohio, to Sylvester and Grace (Potter) Golden. On April 22, 1945, he married Dorothy Golden. She survives him.

He also is survived by two sons, Kenneth C. Golden of Orion, Mich., and Danny Golden of Hoagland; two daughters, Holly Barton of Angola and Phyllis Walters of Cleveland; five sisters, Ruth Yoder of Dayton, Ohio, Dorothy Bayless of Marietta, Ga., Ethel Hathaway and Edith Golden, both of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Rosella Niceley of Nettles Lake, Ohio; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a

sister, Violet McPherson.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Grace Baptist Church, Angola. Pastor Bob Koenig and Pastor Marvin Royce will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to Grace Baptist Church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Eileen M. Markle, 92, died Friday. Services Monday in Westville, Ill. Calling from 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Westville.

NEW HAVEN — Charles Jacobson, 83, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. today in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

FORT WAYNE — Ernest R. Morrow, 69, died Thursday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. today in Highland Park Cemetery.



Deaths/Funerals

Adelbert Smith

MARSHALL, Mich. — Adelbert R. Smith, 80, died Friday at 10:27 p.m. at Battle Creek Health System, Battle Creek, Mich.

A former Fremont resident, he retired from Dana Weatherhead, Angola. He was a member of the Willow Oak Assembly of God, Mulberry, Fla.

He was born Nov. 28, 1915, in Steuben County to Cecil and Erma (Hoteling) Smith.

His wife of 14 years, Irene (Rocco) Smith, survives him.

He also is survived by two sons, James Smith of Fremont, and Lawrence Smith of Mulberry, Fla.; one stepson, Dale E. Holmes Sr. of Marshall, Mich.; four daughters, Mrs. William (Martha) Jackson, Vera Creager and Dorothy Green, all of Fremont; and Mrs. Gerald (Mary) Gollnick of Montgomery, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. George (Elaine) Heath of Albion, Mich., and Mrs. Hugh (Eloise) Ford of Tecumseh, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Rosier (Juanita) Thorp of Montgomery, Mich., Cema Thorp of North Adams, Mich., and Mrs. Clarence (Mary) Russell of Hillsdale, Mich.; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren and 28 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-7 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Glen Jeffrey will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to Willow Oak Assembly of God, 4045 Bailey Road, Mulberry, FL 33860.

Martin Dean

DEMOTTE-ROSELAWN, Ind. — Martin E.L. Dean, 38, died Saturday at 7:04 p.m. in Methodist Hospital, Merrillville.

He was head of the administration and finance department with Lake Holiday Enterprises Inc., associated with Jellystone-Yogi Bear Campgrounds of Roselawn. He was a member of Roselawn United Methodist Church and a 1975 graduate of DeKalb High School, where he was a member of the football and wrestling teams. He lived in Demotte-Roselawn.

Mr. Dean was born July 17, 1958, in Auburn to Howard D. and Bertha E. (Reeb) Dean. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

He married Caroline S. Tassler on Dec. 22, 1990, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeremy H. and Adam J., at home; one daughter, Holly H., at home; one brother, Terry M. Dean of Auburn; and one sister, Shirley A. Rhody of Hobart.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Kutzner of Calvary Ministries officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Fort Wayne Artificial Limb or to an education fund for the Dean children in care of Kentland Bank of Roselawn.

Velma Fites

BOURBON — Velma A. Knepper Fites, 87, died Saturday at 1 a.m. in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She was a homemaker and had worked at Creighton Brothers in Warsaw. She lived most of her life in the Atwood and Bourbon areas. She was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Atwood, and Etna Green Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Fites was born Oct. 28, 1908, in Bourbon to the late Reuben and Mary Elizabeth (Slane) Carmean.

She married Lyndon Lloyd Knepper on June 26, 1926, and he died Dec. 25, 1970. She married Reuel Fites in March 1988 and he died June 20, 1995.

Surviving are one daughter,

Rebecca Price of Atwood; one son, Jerry Knepper of Atwood; one stepdaughter, Charlene Mielke of Wichita, Kan.; one stepson, Douglas Fites of Auburn; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Forrest; one granddaughter; two sisters, Jennette Lemler and Olive Forbes; and four brothers, Virgil, Ora, Harold and Harry.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Deaton Funeral Home, Bourbon.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Douglas H. Davies officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kosciusko County Cancer Fund.



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William Diehl

LAGRANGE — William T. "Bill" Diehl, 75, of LaGrange, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Elkhart General Hospital.

He was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Bluffton to Ervin D. and Vera (Tarr) Diehl. He married Irene Southard on April 4, 1945, in Collinsville, Va. She preceded him in death Dec. 9, 1984. On May 24, 1986, in Steuben County, he married Barbara (Combs) Miller. She survives.

Mr. Diehl, a graduate of Concordia College in Athens, W.Va., moved to LaGrange from Martinsville, Va., in 1985. He was a retired school teacher and school bus driver for 32 years in Martinsville, Va. He also was a van driver for Lambright Hatchery in LaGrange. He was a member of First Church of God in LaGrange, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Debbie Bennett of Lakeland, Fla., and Sandy Heisler of Beale Air Force Base in California; a stepdaughter, Jayne Fraiser of Goshen; a stepson, Tim Miller of Anderson; a sister, Ester Lupold of Concord, Calif.; a brother, Brice Diehl of Angola; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sally Suman.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Church of God, LaGrange, with the Rev. F. Eugene Fauntleroy and the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 215, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to First Church of God, LaGrange, or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

HUNTINGTON — **Emmet Joseph Homier**, 69, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, with calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in Myers Funeral Home, Huntington.

AVILLA — **Phyllis "Pauline" Snyder**, 95, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **William T. Diehl**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Church of God, LaGrange, with calling 5-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — **Pete V. Miller**, 92, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOODBURN — **Carlton K. McDermott**, 57, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.



Deaths/Funerals

William DePew

AUBURN — William C. DePew, 80, died Monday at 10:10 a.m. DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he had been a patient three days.

Mr. DePew retired in 1978 after more than 30 years as a supervisor with Rieke Corp., Auburn.

He was born May 22, 1916, in Auburn to the late Isaiah and Alberta (Funk) DePew.

He married Ruth L. Deihm on Oct. 8, 1946, in Auburn and she died April 15, 1972.

Surviving are seven sons, Jim of Urbana, Ohio, Robert and Ike, both of Auburn, Vern of New Haven, Wesley of Butler, Ronald of Pleasant Lake and Jerry of Angola; three daughters, Anna Reinoehl of Ashley, Alberta Leach of Spiro, Okla., and Dianne Freeman of Garrett; one sister, Hilda Relyea of Auburn; 27 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, John and Chuck, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett. The Rev. Stevan Haiflich, pastor of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Fred Strock

WEST OTTER LAKE — Fred B. Strock, 75, died Monday at 9:27 a.m. in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Strock retired from Warner Gear in Auburn with 35 years of service. He lived on West Otter Lake and formerly lived in Butler. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born March 29, 1921, in Syracuse, Ind., to the late Donovan and Marie (Bailey) Strock.

He married Virginia Alwood on Jan. 10, 1946, in Auburn and she died June 13, 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Steven of Astor, Fla., and Jerry of Butler; one daughter, Wendy Fry of Butler; three brothers, Don of Miami, Ernest of Leo, and Kenneth of Butler; two sisters, Evelyn Fisher of Syracuse and Mary Louise Ginder of Butler; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren; and a companion, Helen Deetz.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Willis Fifer

ANGOLA — Willis Fifer, 87, died Wednesday at his home in Naples, Fla.

Mr. Fifer was retired from his career as a service manager for Bruce Chevrolet, Bronson, Mich.

He was born July 25, 1909, in Angola to Shirley and Atha (Stefee) Fifer. He married Wilma Fifer, who preceded him in death in 1989.

He is survived by one son, Willis Fifer Jr. of Clinton Township, Mich.; two daughters, Joan Waite of Naples, Fla., and Judy Smoker of Colon, Mich.; one brother, Robert Fifer of Pleasant Lake; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

He also was preceded in death by one son, Alan Fifer, in 1992.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with visitation two hours before the service. The Rev. Ken Butz will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice.

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Evening Star

Martin Dean

DEMOTTE-ROSELAWN, Ind.
— Martin E.L. Dean, 38, died Saturday at 7:04 p.m. in Methodist Hospital, Merrillville.

He was head of the administration and finance department with Lake Holiday Enterprises Inc., associated with Jellystone-Yogi Bear Campgrounds of Roselawn. He was a member of Roselawn United Methodist Church and a 1977 graduate of DeKalb High School, where he was a member of the football and wrestling teams. He lived in Demotte-Roselawn.

Mr. Dean was born July 17, 1958, in Auburn to Howard D. and Bertha E. (Reeb) Dean. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

He married Caroline S. Tassler on Dec. 22, 1990, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeremy H. and Adam J., at home; one daughter, Holly H., at home;

one brother, Terry M. Dean of Auburn; and one sister, Shirley A. Rhody of Hobart.

One brother, Howard N., preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Kutzner of Calvary Ministries officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Fort Wayne Artificial Limb or to an education fund for the Dean children in care of Kentland Bank of Roselawn.

Orlo Tritch

PLEASANT LAKE — Orlo J. Tritch, 78, of Pleasant Lake, died at 11:09 p.m. Friday in his residence.

He was born in Steuben County Dec. 17, 1917, to Grover and Blanche (Wood) Tritch. He and his wife, Anne, were married May 22, 1962, in LaGrange. She survives.

Mr. Tritch was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School and lived in Pleasant Lake since 1982. He was retired in 1979 from Dana Weatherhead after 32 years and was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and a social member of VFW in Angola.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Nancy Roth of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a son, Jack Tritch of Angola; three sisters, Audrey Doster of Fort Wayne, Marjorie Kuckuck of Stryker, Ohio, and Birdena Williams of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, William Tritch of Hudson, and Kieth Tritch of Mineral Ridge, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at a later date.

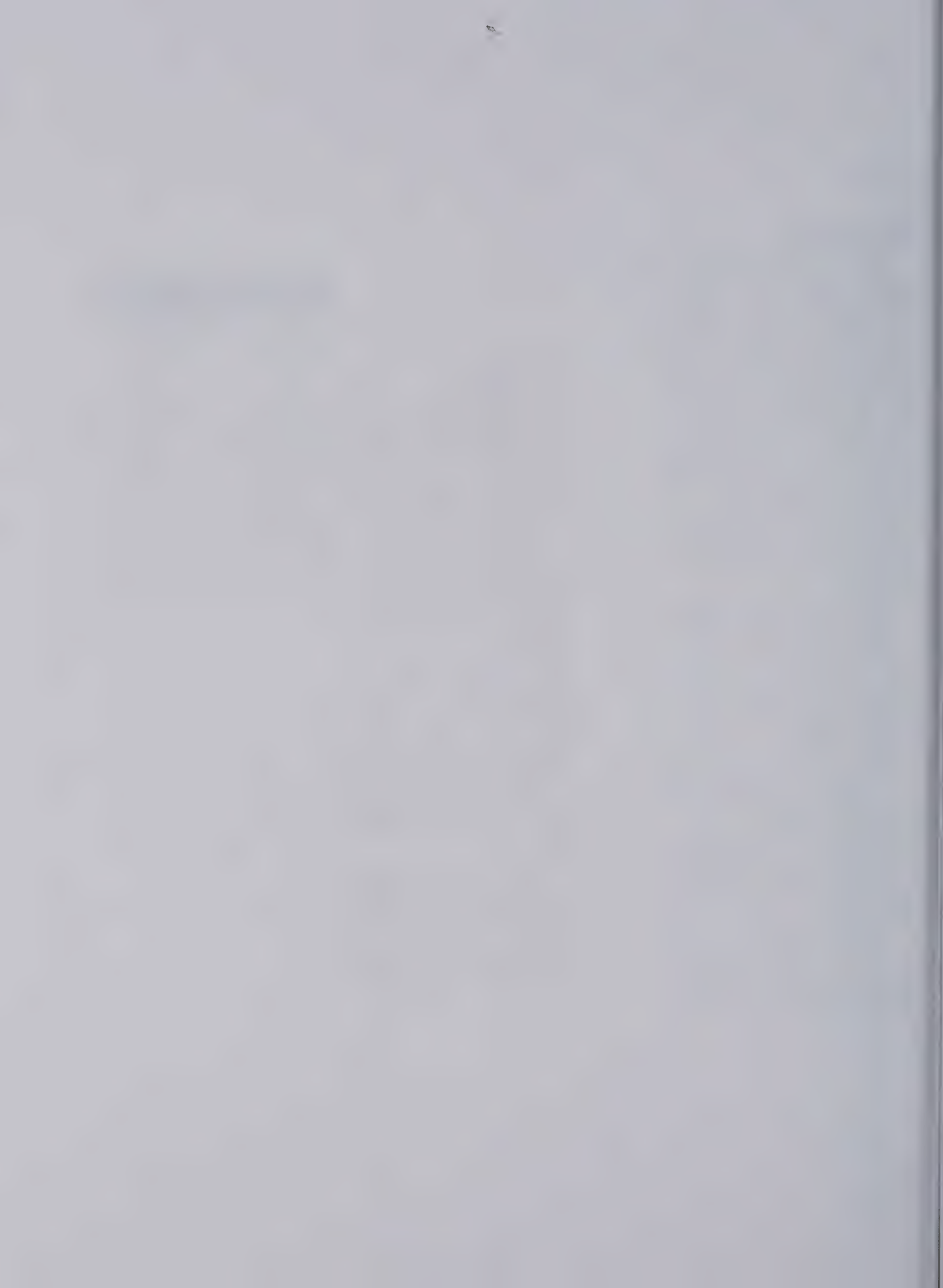
Preferred memorials are to Spectre Care of DeKalb County.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Carole Hanlon, 68, of Albion, died Friday. No local services.

FORT WAYNE — James Kenneth Thomas, 66, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

WARREN — Gertrude C. (Markle) Brinkman, 91, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Deal-Robbins & Van Gilder Huntington Chapel, with calling there today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.



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Deaths/Funerals

Lorraine Green

BUTLER — Lorraine J. Green, 82, died Tuesday at 5:07 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1977 from Anthony Motor Parts, and was formerly employed at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y. She lived at Regency Place Subacute & Rehabilitation Center, Fort Wayne, and formerly lived in Butler. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

She was born July 31, 1914, in Rochester to the late Edward John and Louisa Evelyn (Weichbrodt) Miller.

Surviving are five sons, Roger D. of Butler, and David E. and John T., both of Fort Wayne, Bruce M. of Houston, Texas, and Ronald M. of Miami; one daughter, Marcia Fudge of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ruth Micklei and Edna Arndt, both of Rochester; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Otto Krupski officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be given to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Bank One Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 3930, Indianapolis IN 46204.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Gerald H. Baker**, 85, died Monday. Services Friday in Climax, Mich.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mildred L. Heaston**, 72, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today and 1 p.m. until services Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Betty Stayer**, 64, died Aug. 20. Memorial services at 7 p.m. Thursday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City. No calling



Deaths/Funerals

Ethel Mason

JACKSON, Mich. — Ethel F. "Nanny" Mason, 85, died Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Foote Hospital at Jackson, Mich.

Mrs. Mason was a waitress and cook. She lived in Jackson and was a former Auburn resident. She attended Rollins Friends Church and was a member of the Foster Grandparents Association.

She was born April 22, 1911, in Logansport, Ind., to the late Bert and Myrtle (McDonald) Leach.

She married Floyd Mason on April 14, 1926, in Auburn and he died in October 1972.

Surviving are one son, Robert L. of Addison, Mich.; one daughter, Sue Rogers of Jackson; one brother, Jim of Pearsell, Texas; three sisters, Bessie Dunn of Waterloo, and Mildred Shaffer and Gloria Dawn, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

One daughter, Beverly, and one brother, Don, preceded her in death.

Services were conducted Wednesday in Rollins Friends Church with the Rev. Mark L. Ocker officiating. Burial was in Green's Lakeside Cemetery, Manitou Beach, Mich.

Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home, Addison, Mich., was in charge of arrangements.

Arthur Yarde

AVILLA — Arthur L. Yarde, 78, died today at 5:22 a.m. (Indiana

time) in Foote Hospital, Jackson, Mich. He was an Avilla farmer, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Yarde was born June 27, 1918, in Garrett to the late Roy L. and Ida (Van Wye) Yarde.

He married Lois E. Deihl on July 15, 1937, in Harlan, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Harry L. of Fort Wayne and Roy A. of Avilla; one daughter, Sally Anderson of Jackson, Mich.; one brother, Jay of Avilla; two sisters, Viola Hillegas of Kendallville and Elsie Miller of Orland; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Don Shankster, pastor of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Juanita Mona D. Marks Anthony**, 83, died Sunday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Sept. 5 in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

William Urban

AUBURN — William P. Urban, 95, died Thursday at 3 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Urban moved to Auburn 30 years from Monticello, Ind., where he was a farmer. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and Redmond Lodge in Monticello.

He was born Aug. 22, 1901, in Green Bay, Wis., to the late Sebastian and Frances (Drexler) Urban.

He married Clara Fisher in 1930 and she died in 1976. He married Bessie Matson on Nov. 4, 1978, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William "Bill" Urban of Auburn and Jim Urban of State College, Pa.; one daughter, Martha Shupe of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ethel Ebert of Pewaukee, Wis., and Elsie of California; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Father Ray Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Carl Cochran

PLEASANT LAKE — Carl E. Cochran, 77, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday at 10:50 p.m. in Lutheran Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cochran had lived at Pleasant Lake since 1952, when he moved from Richmond.

In 1983, he retired as district manager for Fort Wayne Newspapers Inc. He attended Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and was a former member of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Active in Boy Scouts, Mr. Cochran served on the selection committee that located the Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Camp at Pleasant Lake.

He was born Sept. 9, 1918, in Union City to Roy and Florance (Haney) Cochran.

On July 16, 1945, he married Ellen Mendenhall, who preceded him in death on Aug. 26, 1986. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Jones, and a brother, William Doherty.

Surviving are a son, Tomy Cochran of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Kenneth Doherty of Geneva, and Robert Doherty of Niles, Ohio.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben Township Fire Department and the Anthony Wayne Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

Kenneth Wells

ANGOLA — Kenneth P. Wells, 70, of Angola, died Thursday at 12:45 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Wells retired in 1978 as a salesman for Custom Crest Car Products in Syracuse. He served as an Army corporal in World War II. He was a member of the Angola Rotary Club.

He was born in Henderson, Ky., on May 13, 1926, to Milford and S. Helen (Posey) Wells.

Mr. Wells was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor, in 1986, and a daughter, Jody Wells, in 1976.

Surviving are two sons, Jordan of Denver, and Jeff of Angola; three brothers, William of Grand Rapids, Mich., Clyde of Cass City, Mich., and Jack of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Koenig officiating. Burial will be at East Lawn Memorial Gardens in Okemos, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the Network of Christian Ministries.

Lena McNaughton

FREMONT — Lena Mae McNaughton, 84, died Wednesday at 6:35 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

She had served on the board of directors at First National Bank of Fremont and managed the Fremont Hardware Store.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, Minerva Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was actively involved in the fight to retain community schools during the school consolidation movements in the 1950s and '60s, and in the Fremont Cub Scouts and the Fremont Band Boosters.

She was born Dec. 28, 1911, at Clear Lake to Henry Raymond and Mary Hiller (Mills) Mulchahey. She married Ford McNaughton, who preceded her in death in 1982. She also was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Marion Mulchahey and Raymond Mulchahey; and a sister, Helen Wilkins.

She is survived by three sons, Earl Ford McNaughton of Fremont, Lee Mills McNaughton of Fort Wayne, and George T. McNaughton of Springfield, Vt.; and 12 grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. at Beam's Funeral Home, Fremont.

Private family funeral services will take place Saturday at the Clear Lake Baptist Church. The Rev. Warner Reed will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Covenant Memorial Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Ray Covenant Memorial Cemetery Association.

Friday,
August 30, 1996 (cont'd)
Evening Star

Evelyn Straley

ORLAND — Evelyn E. Straley, 79, of Orland, died Wednesday at 3:50 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Straley was a homemaker. She was born Nov. 25, 1916, in Jay County to Ross and Fay (McFarland) Sipe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garold, in 1990, and by a son, Jerry, in June.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Ellen Straley of Orland; two grandsons, Ross Straley and Shawn Straley of Orland; and a great-grandson.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be at Saratoga Cemetery in Winchester.

Memorial donations may be made to the LaGrange County Council on Aging. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Deaths/Funerals

Willis Dillman

AUBURN — Willis K. Dillman, 89, died Thursday at 9:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Dillman retired in 1968 from General Electric Co., where he was a test technician with 41 years of service.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, Concord Lodge 556 F.&A.M. of Spencerville and Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Steuben County to Elmer and Alta Mae (Rowe) Dillman. He spent most of his life in the Auburn area.

He married Hilda A. Sebring in Auburn in 1927 and she died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Eugene A. of Auburn and Willis Jr. of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; five grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 17 stepgreat-grandchildren, and 10 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. in McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home, where a Masonic service will be conducted Saturday at 8 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Orval Bherns

KENDALLVILLE — Orval Lester Bherns, 96, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday in the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

He was a lifetime area resident. Mr. Bherns was a superintendent at Reliable Machine and a waste hauler for 40 years in Kendallville, Albion and Rome City.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the First Christian Church in Kendallville, where he was a deacon and superintendent for 37 years. Mr. Bherns also was a member of the Kendallville Police Reserves, Noble County Farm Bureau, REMC, Factory Sites Development and the Kendallville I.O.O.F. Lodge.

Mr. Bherns was born on March 24, 1900, in Auburn, to the late Harlan Vern and Claretta (Cloy) Bherns.

He married the late Julia Cro-

foot. He later married Ileth B. Bherns on May 15, 1974, and she died in 1990.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Lilly Jane Hall of Kendallville and Mrs. Wayne (Marilyn) Carr of Auburn; several nieces and nephews, including Dora Workman and Clinton Bherns, both of Kendallville; six step-grandchildren; and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Friends may call one hour before services Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials may be given to the Noble County Human Society.

Area Deaths

ELKHART — **Ruth Franklin**, 79, of Elkhart, died Friday. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home and one hour before services Sunday at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Charles Lee Blackshire**, 62, of Ligonier, died Thursday. Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Cremation will follow full military graveside rites given by West Noble American Legion Post 243. Visitation will be Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

ALBION — **Mark C. Dye**, 79, of Albion, died Thursday. Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

SOUTH BEND — **Harriett June Dodd**, 73, of South Bend, died Friday. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, South Bend. Cremation will follow with interment in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Forest G. Hay Funeral Home, South Bend.

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Deaths/Funerals

Paul Hogge

ANGOLA — Paul Martin Lizard Hogge, 10, died Sunday at 4:45 p.m. when he drove an all-terrain vehicle into the path of a semi on U.S. 20 west of Angola.

He was a fifth-grade student at Hendry Park Elementary School, Angola.

He is survived by his parents, Paul Martin and Diane Rene (Allport) Hogge, of Angola; two brothers, John Hogge and Mitchell Hogge, at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Korn of Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hogge of Kendallville, and Mr. and Mrs. James Allport of Anderson; and his great-grandparents, Sue Shepard of Sidney, Ohio, and Edith Massey of Anderson.

Cremation was Sunday at Northern Indiana Crematory. Arrangements were made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Doyt Collins

ANGOLA — Doyt A. Collins, 94, died at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola on Aug. 27.

He was a farmer and lived at the Steuben County Rest Home for the past 18 years. He loved to play the harmonica.

He was born Aug. 12, 1902, in St. Joe to Andrew J. and Sarah E. (Gross) Collins.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and four sisters.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Steuben County Rest Home's activities room. Pastor Bob Koenig will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Metz. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Leona Shoup

ELKHART — Leona P. Shoup, 76, died Friday at 6:45 p.m. in Valley View Health Care Center, Elkhart.

A homemaker, she had lived in Middlebury since 1952. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Middlebury.

Mrs. Shoup was born April 9, 1920, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to Phillip and Jenny (Johnson) Ponto.

Her first husband, Jerry Troyer, died in June 1955. She married Everett Shoup on April 14, 1956, and he died May 30, 1989.

Surviving are five daughters, Judy Mayse of Auburn, Betty Viselli of Boston, Margie Balvitsch of Glenfield, N.D., Dianna Beach of Kirkland, Wash., and Sharon Baer of Middlebury; one son, Dave E. of Elkhart; one sister, Peggy Evans of New Paris, Ind.; one brother, Virgil Ponto of Milwaukee; two grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Murvel Ponto, preceded her in death.

Services were conducted today at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Middlebury, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial was in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorial contributions may be given to Elkhart Hospice.

Adan Fuentes

FORT WAYNE — Infant Adan Fuentes died Saturday at 4:23 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 20 in Fort Wayne to Juana Fuentes and Daniel Mata. Both parents survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a sister, Stephanie Mata of Woodburn; a brother, Daniel Mata of Woodburn; a grandmother, Jose Fuentes of Weslaco, Texas; a grandfather, Ofelia Fuentes of Weslaco, Texas; and a grandmother, Mrs. Mata, in Decatur.

Services were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett. Father Ray Balzer of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, officiated.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

LaVon Bradley

GARRETT — LaVon Bradley, 80, died Saturday at 2:30 a.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Bradley retired in 1977 from Hubbard Spool in Garrett with 27 years of service.

She was born Dec. 31, 1915, in Auburn to the late James and Addie Kester.

She married Donald Bradley on July 23, 1970, in Michigan, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, June Dickson of Auburn and Virginia Haas of Garrett; one stepson, Raymond Bradley of Fishers; one stepdaughter, Deborah Woodward of Cecil, Ohio; two sisters, Olive Hess and Kathryn Munk, both of Auburn; eight grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Leland Kiles

HUDSON — Leland "Bill" Kiles, 77, of Hudson, died unexpectedly at 8:48 a.m. Monday in his home.

He was born in Jackson Township, Steuben County, July 11, 1919, to Hugh and Bertha (Waite) Kiles. On Feb. 29, 1940, he married Lela Kelley. She survives.

Mr. Kiles had been a self-employed mechanic in Orland for 25 years and had worked for the Superior Co. in Fort Wayne for 10 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Sharon Arney of South Bend, and Billie Hart of Fort Wayne; a son, Larry Kiles of Angola; a brother-in-law, Gene Kelley of Orland; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Leland Green officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Eloise Halsey

HUDSON — Eloise A. Halsey, 69, of rural Hudson, died at 9:17 a.m. Friday in her home.

She was born in Stroh, March 31, 1927, to Roscoe and Lola (Hutchins) Coggeshall. On Sept. 29, 1946, in Salem Center, she married Rolo Halsey. He survives.

Mrs. Halsey was a 1945 graduate of Salem Center High School and moved to Hudson in 1951. She was a homemaker and member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church and its Ladies Aid Society.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, Dennis Halsey, Craig Halsey, Larry Halsey and Darrell Halsey, all of Angola; five sisters, Rhuie Dole of Pleasant Lake, Retha Crain of Fremont, Venus Pfafman of Seattle, Wash., and Betty Simon and Pat Frederick of Hudson; three brothers, Ledford Coggeshall of Seattle, Robert Coggeshall of Angola, and Roy Coggeshall of Missouri; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin and Ray Coggeshall.

Funeral services were held today at 11 a.m. in Salem Center Presbyterian Church, rural Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Hollister Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Burial was in Hollister Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to Gideon International or United Presbyterian Women's Society.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson was in charge of arrangements. area deaths for star

Area Deaths

HOWE — Sherrel M. Elliott, 74, died Saturday. Services Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — Marcile H. Hess, 68, died Saturday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 11228 Coldwater Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — Kile Alan Stanley, 7 months old, died Sunday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville with calling beginning at noon Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — Johnny G. Franklin Sr., 60, died Sunday. Services at 5 p.m. Friday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from noon until 2 and 4-5 p.m. Friday.

LIGONIER — Vesta L. Hale, 91, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with callings there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Conner

AUBURN — Robert L. Conner, 80, died Monday at 11:45 a.m. in the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Conner retired in 1980 as a self-employed salesman for industries and novelties with more than 30 years of service. He was a 1935 graduate of Auburn High School and member of the Angola Moose Lodge. He lived in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to the late Clarence A. and Emma (Goldsmith) Conner.

Surviving him are one son, Dr. Robert A. Conner of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Sheron D. Littlejohn of Auburn; one sister, Betty Jean Caldwell of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; seven grandchildren, J. Michael Littlejohn, Gregory J. Littlejohn, and Jama D. (Littlejohn) Smith, all of Auburn, Christopher M. Conner, JaAnn Sircey and Tracey Conner, all of Fort Wayne, and Elizabeth C. Peck of Moorpark, Calif.; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Merle and LaVerne; and three sisters, Magdalene Houghton, Maxine Cripe and Marie Brown.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Maish of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Infant Derek Gentis

AUBURN — Infant Derek Gentis was stillborn Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Patrick and Dianne Gentis of Auburn; four brothers, Dustin, Damon, Donovan and Daniel; and two sisters, Devin and Deanna.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday morning in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Dallas Winn

BUTLER — Dallas Roscoe Winn, 79, died today at 7:15 a.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Winn owned Dal's Newsstand in Butler from 1948 to 1971. He sold cars at Maxton Motors from 1971 to 1975, and was the administrator at Meadowhaven Health Care Center in Butler from 1975 to 1982. He was a World War II officer and pilot in the Army Air Corps, flying 25 missions in the European theater.

He was a member of Forest Lodge 239, F.&A.M., in Butler, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and the Fort Wayne Murat Shrine. He served on the Butler school board from 1954-58, and was a Butler City Council member in the 1980s.

Mr. Winn was born Nov. 2, 1917, in Chicago to the late William Roscoe and Anna (Neidhardt) Winn.

He married J. Kathleen Nichols on June 10, 1941, in Montpelier, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas A. and Claudia Winn of Pemberville, Ohio, and Daniel M. and Mona Winn of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Launa Denyse Winn and Lance Alan Winn, both of Pemberville.

Two sisters, Vee Skaff and Lee Casey, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from

2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A Masonic service will be conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside Foundation.

Lloyd Corbin

ST. JOE — Lloyd O. Corbin, 84, died Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Mr. Corbin was a retired Spencer Township farmer. He lived on County Road 60 in St. Joe.

He was born June 14, 1912, in DeKalb County to Worth and Rosa (Topper) Corbin.

He married Gladys Weicht in Auburn on Oct. 9, 1933. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, Francis Corbin, and a daughter, Delores Corbin, both of St. Joe; and one sister, Dorothy Brown of Kendallville;

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Jordan Corbin will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Viola Coleman

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Viola S. Coleman, 88, died Monday at 2:40 p.m. in Maplelawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater, Mich.

She was born April 28, 1908, in Steuben County to Amos and Lula (Parsons) Gleason. She married Wayne Coleman and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1952.

She is survived by two sons, Rolland Coleman of Montgomery and Steve Coleman of Coldwater; three daughters, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Uhl of Glendale, Ariz., Mrs. Glen (Shirley) Sours and Mrs. Don (Charlene) Fillmore, both of Coldwater; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at noon Thursday in the funeral home. The

Rev. George DeVore will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to Alzheimer's Support Group.

Evening Star

Wed., Oct. 4, 1996 (con'd)

Wilbur Oates

ORLAND — Wilbur L. Oates, 67, died Tuesday at his home in Orland.

He was retired from Waldron Industries, Waldron, Mich. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Orland American Legion Post 423, and the Orland Nazarene Church.

He was born May 18, 1929, in Rossford, Ohio, to Wilbur S. and Annabelle H. Oates.

He is survived by one son, Robert Oates of Waldron; one daughter, Sharon Leland of Orland; one sister, Shirley Heminger of Kentucky; and six grandchildren.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Friday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Rodger Strong will officiate. Friends may call one hour before the service.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military graveside services performed by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family, in care of Sharon Leland, P.O. Box 232, Orland IN 46776.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Lottie F. Goar, 104, died Monday. Services at 1 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Kevin Edelen

BUTLER — Kevin Michael Edelen, 19, died Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. at the scene of a traffic accident near Butler.

He worked for Scott Moore Construction, Fort Wayne, and lived in Butler. He was a 1995 graduate of Eastside High School, where he was a member of the football, wrestling and track teams.

He was a football coach for the Butler Youth League, a member of the Sons of the American Legion at Albion American Legion Post 246, and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

He was born Nov. 22, 1976, at Fort Hood, Texas. Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Vicki (Aldrich) and Alan Blair of Butler, and his father, James D. Edelen of Vine Grove, Ky.

Also surviving are one sister, Courtney Edelen of Butler; three stepbrothers, David Blair of Rapid City, S.D., Daren Blair of Butler, and Rodney Blair of Hamilton; two stepsisters, Debra Bates of Butler and Julie Richmond of Hamilton; his maternal grandparents, Lee and Connie Aldrich of Albion; a step-grandmother, Pauline Blair of Butler; and his great-grandparents, Cecil and Leora Barnes of Sarasota, Fla.

His paternal grandparents, John and Mildred Edelen, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Jeremy Russell, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside High School Athletic Department.

Iva Weaver

GARRETT — Iva Marie Weaver, 94, died Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Weaver was a homemaker and formerly lived in Auburn. She was a sales clerk at the Boston Store in Garrett for eight years, retiring in 1950. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Rosary Society and Harvest House.

She was born May 31, 1902, in Kent County, Mich., to the late John and Alice (Purdy) Arens.

She married Raymond A. Weaver on May 12, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died March 7, 1979.

Surviving are one daughter, Betty Creager of Garrett; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One son, Bernard L., and one grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Richard Urbine will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Dallas Winn

BUTLER — Dallas Roscoe Winn, 78, died Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Winn owned Dal's Newsstand in Butler from 1948 to 1971.

He sold cars at Maxton Motors from 1971 to 1975, and was the administrator at Meadowhaven Health Care Center in Butler from 1975 to 1982. He was a World War II officer and pilot in the Army Air Corps, flying 25 missions in the European theater.

He was a member of Forest Lodge 239, F.&A.M., in Butler, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Fort Wayne Murat Shrine, and American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Mr. Winn served on the Butler school board from 1954-58, and was a Butler City Council member from 1984-87.

He was born Nov. 2, 1917, in Chicago to the late William Roscoe and Anna (Neidhardt) Winn.

He married J. Kathleen Nichols on June 10, 1941, in Montpelier, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas A. and Claudia Winn of Pemberville, Ohio, and Daniel M. and Mona Winn of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Launa Denyse Winn and Lance Alan Winn, both of Pemberville.

Two sisters, Vee Skaff and Lee Casey, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A Masonic service will be conducted tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside Foundation.

Evening Star
Thurs., Sept 5, 1996 (cont'd)

Naomi Heiman

LAOTTO — Naomi E. Heiman, 76, of LaOtto, died early Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 21, 1919, in Steuben County, to Orley and Ethel Eshelman. On April 18, 1936, in Auburn, she married Henry Heiman Sr. He preceded her in death Dec. 31, 1988.

Mrs. Heiman, a homemaker, had lived in this area 30 years. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving are five sons, Louis F. Heiman of Kendallville, and David L. Heiman and Henry C. Heiman, both of Avilla, Daniel L. Heiman of McClish Lake, and Richard A. Heiman of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Etta Byrne of San Diego, Calif.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and 30 minutes before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church building fund or Hope Alive building fund.

Pauline Thompson

FREMONT — Pauline Thompson, 84, of Angola, died Tuesday at 4:55 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Thompson had worked as a clothing store clerk.

She was born March 21, 1912, in Quincy, Mich., to Clarence and Nina (Heur) Gottschalk.

Her husband, Frazier, preceded her in death in 1974. She also was preceded in death by a son, Edwin Thompson, in 1987.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Nancy Thompson of Coldwater, Mich.; four grandsons, Brian Thompson of Fremont, Lyle Thompson of Tekonsha, Mich., and Keith and Mark Thompson of Coldwater; 11 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Mrs. Alfred (Ruth) Sowle of Coldwater, Esther Wheaton of Angola, Mrs. Harry (Jeanette) Sherburne of Coldwater, and Mrs. Max (Shirley) Sutton of Fremont.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Mildred S. Leming, 92, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral home, Ligonier, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Virginia Sproul

WAYNESFIELD, Ohio — Virginia Fern Carl Sproul, 78, died Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in her Waynesfield, Ohio, home.

She was a homemaker and a 1936 graduate of Lima South High School.

She was born April 28, 1918, in Alliance, Ohio, to the late William E. and Ruth E. (Huvler) Carl.

She married Earl Dean Sproul on March 14, 1941, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela J. and Michael L. Tate of Waynesfield; four sisters, Dr. Jacqueline J. Carl of Auburn, Beryl J. Armentrout of Lima, Ohio, Dorothy A. Springer of Cridersville, Ohio, and Wilma R. Roberts of Daleville, Ala.; and three grandchildren, Michael T. Tate of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jeffrey W. Tate of Springfield, Ohio, and Tara D. Tate, at home.

Friends may call today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in Van Horn Funeral Home, Lakeview, Ohio.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Burial will be in Willow Branch Cemetery near Waynesfield.

Helen Greenawalt

FORT WAYNE — Helen June Greenawalt, 72, died Thursday evening in her Fort Wayne home.

She was a beautician for 24 years and worked in customer service at Sears for 11 years.

She was born July 26, 1924, in Garrett to the late Robert W. and Vera M. (Callahan) Ross.

She married Donald H. Greenawalt on July 4, 1952, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Marston C. of Fort Wayne and Ross D. of Muncie; and one sister, Roberta

(Mrs. Randy) Duff of Garrett.

Service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with private viewing for the family.

Memorial contributions may be given to Harmony chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, Garrett.

Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Robert P. Mathias**, 72, died Thursday. Private family memorial services at a later date. No calling.

NEW HAVEN — **Malissia R. Chester**, 69, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Donald H. Perrey**, 68, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St. No calling.

ALBION — **Vernon "Harvey" Smart**, 56, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Joyce Raymond "Joe" Bauer**, 67, died Thursday. Services at a later date.

LAGRANGE — **Virginia R. Robbins**, 80, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

LAGRANGE — **Brok Wellington Taylor**, 14, died Wednesday. Services at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2-5 p.m. Saturday.

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Area Death

LIGONIER — Donald F. Conrad, 57, died Friday. Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, where visitation will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Lewis Messmann

WATERLOO — Lewis W. Messmann, 76, died early Saturday morning at his home on North Washington Street in Waterloo.

Mr. Messmann was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 28, 1920, in Allen County, to the late Edward and May (Ward) Messmann.

He married Blanche Keller on Oct. 24, 1942, in Fort Wayne and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ron of Auburn and Tom of Waterloo; one daughter, Elaina (Mrs. Ray) Henderson of Waterloo; four brothers, Elwood of Fort Wayne, Frank of Hicksville, Ohio, Willis of Woodburn, and James of Hometown; two sisters, Esther Narwold of New Haven and Wilodene Korte of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Roger; three brothers, Howard, Edwin and Glenn; and one sister, Glenna Tracy.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ernie Kohlmyer officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Waterloo VFW.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo VFW.

Hellen Steward

GARRETT — Hellen B. Steward, 81, died Saturday at 9 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Steward was a clerk at Williams Grocery for 29 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Garrett Presbyterian Church. She lived on South Randolph Street in Garrett.

She was born Aug. 19, 1915, in Garrett to the late Walter F. and Blanche (Ayres) Alford.

She married Victor C. Steward on June 11, 1942, in Garrett and he died Feb. 4, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Leonard and Don, both of Garrett; one daughter, Eleanore Griffith of La Jolla, Calif.; two brothers, Dr. James A. Alford of Tallahassee, Fla., and Russell Alford of Naples, Fla.; one sister, Alice Beber of Garrett; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Derrill Cole

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Derrill J. Cole, 75, died at his Hicksville home late Saturday afternoon after apparently suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Cole was the owner and operator of Hicksville Surplus Supplies for over 35 years, founding the business with Clarence Kuhl. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1939 and was a World War II veteran, serving as a radio operator on a B-29 airplane. He was a past member of the Hicksville American Legion post.

He was born March 2, 1921, in Hicksville to the late Marvin and Ethel (Etchey) Cole.

He married Lena Rose Pearson on Dec. 6, 1945, and she died Nov. 8, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, David and Dan, both of Hicksville; three daughters, Diane Smith of Waterville, Ohio, Deb Ross of Whitehouse, Ohio, and Dawn Geyer of Hicksville; two sisters, Florence Harris and Margaret Lehman, both of Hicksville; two brothers, LeRoy of Fort Wayne and Raymond of Hicksville; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Francia Cole, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday after 1 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Hicksville posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion will conduct graveside military services.

Preferred memorial contributions are to the Hicksville Historical Society, Defiance County Hospice, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Marion L. Mason**, 76, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

CROMWELL — **Patrick LeRoy Leamon**, 65, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 3-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Norman A. Minich**, 82, died Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LIGONIER — **Max L. Secrist**, 61, died Sunday. No calling. Memorial services at a later date. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Edward Mayfield

GARRETT — Edward K. Mayfield, 86, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Mayfield had worked as an assembler at Wayne Home Equipment.

He was born May 21, 1910, in Auburn to the late R. Franklin and Ruth (Keeran) Mayfield.

He married Dorothy W. Warrnack, and she died in April 1996.

Surviving are one son, George F. of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.; one sister, Helen M. Pickering of Garrett; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Winchester Road Chapel of Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling from noon until service time. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to South Wayne Baptist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dorothy Haite

AUBURN — Dorothy Haite, 88, of Auburn died Monday at 2:05 p.m. Funeral arrangements are pending with McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Todd Houser

FORT WAYNE — Todd M. Houser, 31, died Monday at 12:38 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a supervisor for Van Dyne Crotty Inc. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Houser was born March 9, 1965, in Fort Wayne to John E. and Victoria L. (Jones) Houser.

Surviving are his wife, Lee Ann; two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, both at home; one brother, Mark of Fort Wayne, and his grandmother, Dora Houser of Auburn.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. DuPont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to Jennifer and Jessica Houser's education fund.

Jay Hollinger

WATERLOO — Jay E. Hollinger, 91, died Monday at 12:53 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Hollinger retired from Warner Gear in Auburn in 1966 with 26 years of service. He was a

Wilmington Township farmer and formerly worked at the Auburn Automobile Co. He was a motorman and conductor on the interurban railroad, which ran between Fort Wayne, Waterloo and Kendallville.

He was a member of the Hamilton Grange, a former member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, and attended the Butler Church of the Nazarene. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and formerly served as the supervisor of the Exhibit Hall.

He was born Nov. 21, 1904, in Goshen to the late Alfred and Mabel (Hoover) Hollinger.

He married Violet Wheeler on Jan. 24, 1927, in Albion, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jean Faulkner of Corunna and Carol Lung of Butler; one sister, Maxine Lantz of Berne; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two nieces, Sally Stuckey and Sarah Baumgartner.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Opal Luce; one son-in-law, Jack Faulkner; and two grandsons, Brian Lung and Kevin Faulkner.

Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Paul Patton, pastor of the Butler Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Vincent

INDIANAPOLIS — Robert B. Vincent, 75, of Indianapolis, died Monday morning at his home.

He was born March 14, 1921, in Albany to Finley and Goldie (Barr) Vincent.

After graduating from Albany High School, Mr. Vincent served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Valley Mills Christian Church in Indianapolis. He worked at Bank One and was a volunteer driver for the American Red Cross in Indianapolis.

On Nov. 23, 1947, he married Doris Dickerson, who survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Margaret Hasselman of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Janet Mitchell of Fort Wayne and Lois Headd of Cockeysville, Md.; one son, Marvin Vincent of Winchester; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law,

Howard Hasselman.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the Porter Funeral Home, North Salem. Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis, 441 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. for star

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — E. Wayne Demo, 66, died Aug. 6 in Florida. Memorial calling from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

NEW HAVEN — Lucille M. Rosswurm, 88, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

KENDALLVILLE — Constance "Joan" Cogan, 72, died Monday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

James Bennett

SEBRING, Fla. — James R. "Jimmy" Bennett, 74, died Tuesday at 5:32 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bennett had lived in Sebring, Fla., for two years and previously had been a Garrett resident since 1961.

He retired in 1984 with 43 years of service as a traffic manager for Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178. He attended the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He was born April 27, 1922, in Arcadia, Ohio, to the late Warren and Mabel (Harris) Bennett. His wife, Betty, died in 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Michael J. of Waterloo and Patrick R. of Garrett; three brothers, Waldo of Lafayette, Ohio, Ralph of Findlay, Ohio, and John of Syracuse, N.Y.; three sisters, Barbara Lab of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Geneva Lehman of Pandora, Ohio, and Carol Pfeffer of Naples, N.Y.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. William Dunfee of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Rev. Paul Burrus of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Public Library.

Isabel Pelletier

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Isabel L. Pelletier, 89, died Aug. 20 at her home in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

She worked at the registrar's office at Central Michigan University and at Roosevelt Refinery and Sohio Oil Co. She was house mother for the TKE fraternity at the university for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant, and had lived in the Mount Pleasant area since the 1920s.

Mrs. Pelletier was born March 8, 1907, in Newberry, Mich., to the late James and Margaret (Doerr) Gunton. Her husband, Russell Pelletier, preceded her in death.

Surviving are three children, Lorraine Hines of Auburn, Phyllis Wood of Weidman, Mich., and Russell Duane Pelletier of Remus, Mich.; nine grandchildren, including Beecher Hines and Jennifer (Hines) Beebe, both of Auburn; 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Harry Gunton, and one sister, Dorothy Surrell, preceded her in death.

A memorial service was conducted Sept. 6 at Riverside Cemetery in Mount Pleasant, with the Rev. Wade S. Panse officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church of Mount Pleasant or to Hospice of Central Michigan.

Dorothy Haite

AUBURN — Dorothy M. Haite, 88, died Monday at 2:05 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Haite served as a secretary to executives at Messenger Corp. of Auburn for many years. She was also a secretary for several years at the National 5 & 10 Cents Store in Auburn, which she owned with her husband. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and a charter member of Sigma Beta Sorority.

She was born Aug. 8, 1908, in Corunna to the late Charles and Elmira (Draper) Nagel.

She married M.E. Haite on Feb. 24, 1935, in Auburn and he died June 17, 1982.

Surviving are three sisters, Mildred E. Close and Ruth Strahm, both of Auburn, and Esther L. Close of Port Richey, Fla.; two brothers, Carl Nagel of Carmel and Hobart Nagel of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Harvey L. Huntley will officiate, with burial in the Auburn Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Douglas D. Gerzmehle, 50, died Monday.

Graveside services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with military graveside rites. There is no calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Glenn Little

HAMILTON — Glenn D. Little, 86, died Wednesday at 9:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A Hamilton resident, he was a retired farmer and former rural Butler resident. He was the former sexton for the Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton, with 30 years of service. He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church.

Mr. Little was born Nov. 8, 1909, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to Ira and Emily (Aldrich) Little.

He married Ruth F. Culbertson on Aug. 17, 1932, and she died July 5, 1965. He married Zelda Chapman Zeigler on May 2, 1975, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sharon Surfus of Springfield, Ohio; three stepsons, Robert Zeigler of Angola, Gary Zeigler of Wayne, Pa., and Jim Zeigler of Sandy Hook, Conn.; seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Max; one stepson, Earnest Zeigler; and three sisters, Edith Bender, Mildred Dotts and Frances Little.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Steven Horner, pastor of Zion United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Ira Moore

PAYSON, Ariz. — Ira Leon Moore, 84, died Monday in Payson, Ariz.

He was employed by the Buckeye Elementary School District for 19 years and owned a grocery store in Phoenix for six years. He had lived in Payson for 22 years and was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

He was born April 20, 1912, in Allen County, Ind.

He married his wife, Agnes, on Sept. 12, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving is one sister, Mary Platter of Indiana.

His son, Richard, preceded him in death in 1969.

Funeral services took place today in First Southern Baptist Church in Payson, with burial in Mountain Meadows Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be given to Gideons International, Rim Country Camp, P.O. Box 1795, Payson, AZ 85547.

Payson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — Pearl Arthur Williams, 50, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. (EDT) Friday in Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert, Ohio, with calling there from 2-5 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Bradley Hankey

BUTLER — Bradley J. "Road Dog" Hankey, 37, of Butler, died Thursday morning in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, after his motorcycle collided with a car.

Mr. Hankey was employed in the body shop at Evans Equipment Sales and Service, Butler.

He was born March 25, 1959, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Alvin O. and Marcele (Shafer) Hankey, who survive in Butler.

Also surviving are his fiancée, Shauna Beals of Butler; four sons, Robert Mills of Butler, Bradley J. Hankey Jr. of Butler, Donald Hankey of Auburn and Trevor D. Beals of Butler; three daughters, Brandy Miller of Hicksville, Sherie L. Beals of Butler, and Shalina M. Beals of Butler; three brothers, Alvin R. Hankey of Butler, Donald G. Hankey of Butler and Clyde C. Hankey of Butler; and his grandmother, Dora Ruth Shafer of Butler.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the H. E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling one hour prior to services.

The Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Schlabach, 72, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — Tyler A. Hufnagle, 31, died at 4:45 a.m. Thursday in an auto accident in Middlebury. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with calling 5-8 p.m. Saturday at 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the church.

SOUTH MILFORD — Winona A. Bell, 85, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in South Milford United Methodist Church. Calling 3-8 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lois E. Miller, 68, died Thursday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Marion Mennonite Church, west of Howe. Calling 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the church. Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — James R. "Jack" McNabb, 79, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

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Tyler Hufnagle

LAGRANGE — Tyler A. Hufnagle, 31, of LaGrange, died at 5:40 a.m. Thursday in an auto accident in Middlebury.

He was born in Sturgis, Mich., Jan. 17, 1965, to Anthony and Becky (Holst) Hufnagle.

Mr. Hufnagle was employed by Schult Homes in Middlebury. He was assistant wrestling coach at Northridge High School. He also was involved with the freestyle wrestling programs at Northridge, Lakeland and Prairie Heights high schools.

He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church and the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

Surviving are a daughter, Gessica Hufnagle of Middlebury; a son, Tyler Hufnagle of Middlebury; his father and stepmother, Anthony and Phyllis Hufnagle of LaGrange; his mother, Becky Hufnagle of Sturgis, Mich.; his fiancée, Linda Miller of LaGrange; a sister, Mrs. Troy (Tonya) Weaver of Indianapolis; two brothers, Tony Hufnagle of LaGrange and Tim Hufnagle of

Howe; four stepsisters, Mrs. Randy (Talana) Rhodes of Syracuse, Mrs. Van (Cindy) Ballard of Wolcottville, Mrs. Mark (Jackie) Trumble of Beaverton, Mich., and Mrs. Charles (Shawndra) Baker of Middlebury; a stepbrother, Jim Miller of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, Jack and Virginia Hufnagle of Punta Gorda, Fla.; maternal grandmother, Kathryn Holst of Sturgis, Mich.; a great-grandmother, Bernice Rhodes of Golden Gate, Fla.; and a step-grandmother, Glada Holst of Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shippshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Darin Thrap officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Northridge or Lakeland wrestling departments.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

John Wirts

AUBURN — John S. Wirts, 92, died Sunday at 9:55 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Wirts retired in 1968 as a auto body painter with Blue Body Shop, Auburn. He was also a painter for the Auburn Automobile Co. and Rohm Chevrolet, Auburn. He formerly lived on County Road 21, Auburn, and attended Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 25, 1904, in McGill, Ohio, to the late Lewis and Nellie (Morgan) Wirts.

He married Lila M. Wolfe on March 22, 1924, in Hillsdale, Mich., and she died Dec. 9, 1994.

Also surviving are two sons, Gale D. of Auburn and Harold L. of Crawfordville, Fla.; one daughter, Betty Hartranft of Auburn; one sister, Pearl Grosh of Spring Hill, Fla.; one half-sister, Zelma Scheid of Hicksville, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Loretta Mitchener, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Morris White will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Auburn.

Joseph Martin

FREMONT — Joseph L. Martin, 63, died Friday at 2:30 p.m. in his Fremont home.

Mr. Martin was a retired from his career as a mechanical engineer for North American Philips and a was member of the North American Philips Management Club.

He was born Oct. 5, 1932, in Waverly, Ky., to Albert and Frances Elizabeth (Greenwell) Martin.

On Sept. 29, 1962, he married Beverly (Grossman) Martin. She survives him.

He also is survived by five brothers, James Martin and Mark Martin, both of Henderson, Ky., Albert Martin of Benton, Ill., Philip Martin of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Robert Martin of Boonville; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

A private graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Anthony's Building Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Esther Thompson

SKOKIE, Ill. — Esther G. (Gilkey) Thompson, 95, died Sept. 13 in the Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Park Ridge, Ill.

She was a graduate of the nursing program of the University of California Medical School in Berkeley, Calif. She lived in Skokie, Ill., and formerly lived in Medford, Ore., Berkeley, Washington, D.C., Chevy Chase, Md., Mamaronck, N.Y., and Shaker Heights, Ohio.

She was married to Donald S. Thompson, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Abigail Boutwell (Thompson) and Robert Sarge of Auburn, who is director of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald G. and Marguerite Thompson of Skokie; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Haben Funeral Home, 8057 Niles Center Road, Skokie, was in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Siebern

ANGOLA — Raymond W. Siebern, 79, of Angola, died Saturday at 3:30 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Siebern had lived in Angola for 46 years after moving from Huntington County, and was a farmer on his own land. He was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, the Steuben County Antique Power Association and Ageless Iron of Roanoke.

He was born Aug. 31, 1917, in Allen County to Henry and Bertha (Schaefer) Siebern.

On May 20, 1945, he married Juanita Nihart, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Siebern of Angola; three brothers, Walter Siebern of Markle, Edwin Siebern of Huntington, and Loyd Siebern of Roanoke; two sisters, Bonita Fairchild of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Diehl of Corunna; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Siebern.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake.

with the Rev. Glenda Ray Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Mount Zion United Methodist Church and Cameron Hospice.

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Rusty Steed

KENDALLVILLE — Rusty Porter Steed, 70, of Kendallville, died at 3:53 p.m. Friday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

He was born in Fort Wayne March 12, 1926, to Marshall C. and Suzanne (Busz) Steed. On July 5, 1967, in Woodruff, he married Sarah Lequire. She preceded him in death Sept. 20, 1992.

Mr. Steed had lived in Fort Wayne and Albion before moving to Kendallville in 1992. He was a country and western musician, playing rattle bones. He traveled throughout the United States and later played with Joe Taylor and the Red Birds and was on WOWO radio's "Little Red Barn" program. He was a member of the House of Prayer in Corunna and Albion Eagles.

Surviving are a niece, Barbara McBride of Auburn, whom he raised; and a brother, Edward Charles Steed of New Orleans, La.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the House of Prayer in Corunna.

Margaret Brown

FORT WAYNE — Margaret H. Brown, 94, died Saturday at 9:10 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had resided for seven months.

Mrs. Brown lived in Fort Wayne for 48 years and was a former Auburn resident. She retired in 1956 as a secretary for Security Cartage Trucking Co. She was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. She was a 1919 graduate of Garrett High School and attended Tri-State College, Angola.

She was born May 24, 1902, in Fallston, Pa., to the late Samuel and Anzenetta (Dunn) Houlette.

She married Bernard Brown on June 25, 1924, in Auburn, and he died in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty C. Lash of Avilla and Marguerite L. Treesh of New Haven; two sisters, Martha Morrison and Myrtle Newpher, both of Beaver Falls, Pa.; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Daniel J. Lash, her grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Donald Knepper

FORT WAYNE — Donald J. Knepper, 75, died in his home Friday.

Born in Flint, Mich., he had lived in Fort Wayne most of his life.

Mr. Knepper was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He retired in 1982 from Scott's Freight Service in Fort Wayne after 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia M.; three sons, James P. Knepper of LaOtto, Thomas J. Knepper of Fremont, and Gregory A. Knepper of Albion; a daughter, Deborah A. Sterling of New Haven; a brother, Phillip B. Knepper of Fort Wayne; a sister, Eleanor J. Loos of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at 10:30 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Precious Blood Catholic School Scholarship Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Helen L. Wolfe, 90, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Tuesday.

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Paul Schrader

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul W. Schrader, 74, died early Friday morning in the emergency room at Naples Community Hospital in Naples, Fla., after becoming ill at his home.

He lived in Naples, Fla., and formerly lived in Columbia City and Fort Wayne. He was involved in the family business, C.W. Schrader & Sons DeSoto and Plymouth garage, until it closed in 1977. He worked for Poinsette Motors, Fort Wayne, until moving to Florida in June 1978. He was a member of the Columbia City Elks Lodge and American Legion Post 98.

Mr. Schrader graduated from Columbia City High School in 1940, and served in the U.S. Navy from June 1943 to December 1945.

He was born Feb. 11, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late Forrest and Margaret (Stegmann) Schrader.

He married AnnaDean Mosher on March 5, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Paula Dean Hertsel of Auburn, Sandra Kay Schrader of Naples, Fla., and Gay Marie Schnaible of Lafayette; one sister, Joan Stayer of Goodland; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 5-9 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Gene L. Kinney, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eberhard Cemetery in Columbia Township.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Fund or the donor's favorite charity.

Vickie Miller

HOWE — Vickie L. Miller, 43, of rural Howe, died at 4:51 a.m. Monday in her residence.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich., Feb. 17, 1953, to Robert and Norma (Weldon) Chapman. Her father survives in Nottawa, Mich. Her mother, Norma Hoff, preceded her in death Dec. 9, 1977.

She married LaVerne Miller on June 23, 1984, in LaGrange. He also survives.

Mrs. Miller, a lifetime LaGrange County resident, was a beautician and owned and operated City Limits Hair Designs in LaGrange. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority in LaGrange.

Surviving with her husband and father are a daughter, Mrs. Matt (Jessica) Huffman of LaGrange; two sons, Christopher E. Wiard of Los Angeles, and Justin P. Wiard of Howe; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Brent (Teresa) Ehert of Howe, Sherry Johnston of LaGrange, and Mrs. Leo (Michelle) Copas of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepson, Michael W. Miller of Topeka; a sister, Mrs. Terry (Deb) Keplinger of LaGrange; five half-sisters, Cindy Newman of Kalamazoo, Mich., Glenda Kraft of Sturgis, and Mrs. Richard (Violet) Sears and Mrs. Kevin (Tina) Sears, both of Upland, and Mrs. Shaun (Mary) Fabian of Nottawa; two half-brothers, Darren Hoff of

LaGrange, and Robert Woodward of Garrett; and 11 stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with the Rev. George Youstra officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Delta Theta Tau Sorority memorial services at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Inda Blanchard

SHIPSHEWANA — Inda I. Blanchard, 64, of Shipshewana, died at 9:20 p.m. Sunday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich., Dec. 16, 1931, to Earl and Pauline (Cast) Holiday.

Mrs. Blanchard had lived in Sturgis, Mich., before moving to Orland in 1975. She had resided in Shipshewana the past year. She was employed by Dometic Corp., LaGrange, for the past 29 years and had also worked part-time for the Marriott Corp. at Howe Military School in Howe. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in LaGrange and the Eagles Auxiliary Lodge 1314, Sturgis. She enjoyed collecting bells.

Surviving are four daughters, Cindy Kratz of Orland, Carol Whitsel of Sturgis, Mich., and Barb Hart and Sally Mangold, both of League City, Texas; a son, Ron Blanchard of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Hershberger of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Holiday.

Funeral services will be at noon Indiana time Thursday at Hackman-Fogleson Funeral Home, Sturgis, with the Rev. Terry T. Timson, pastor emeritus of Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Sturgis.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Indiana time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Evening Star
Tues., Sept. 17, 1996 (cont'd)

Robert Stone

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert J. Stone, 81, died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday in his residence.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio, July 3, 1915, to Fred C. and Kittie B. (Jamieson) Stone.

Mr. Stone had lived in Fort Wayne most of his life and the past 16 years at Adams Lake in the Wolcottville area. He retired in 1979 as assistant technical director for WKJG-TV 33, Fort Wayne, after 15 years of service. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a past master of Summit City Lodge 170, F& A.M.

Surviving are his wife, Gwendolyn; two sons, Fred J. Stone of Fort Wayne, and Thomas C. Stone of Spencerville; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Kruger of Wolcottville; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

There will be no services or visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to Alzheimer's Association or Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

John Butler

REDKEY — John F. (Fred) Butler, 77, of Redkey, died Saturday at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton.

A lifetime resident of northeast Indiana, he owned and operated Crown City Chevrolet in Dunkirk for 45 years.

He was born Dec. 20, 1924, in Portland to John E. and Ruby (Boyer) Butler. He married Ann (Caldwell) Butler, who survives him.

He is also survived by his stepmother, Frances Butler Rearick of Albany; four daughters, Elizabeth "Betsey" of South Bend, Susan "Dodie" of Washington, D.C.; Jane of Hartford City, and Sally (and husband Burke) Denman, and their children, Lyra Butler-Denman and Marcus Butler-Denman of Santa Fe, N.M.; an uncle, Merritt Boyer of Angola; and many relatives in northern Indiana.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 10 in the D.W. Jones Chapel, MJS Mortuaries, Dunkirk, followed by burial at the IOOF cemetery, Dunkirk.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul W. Schrader, 74, died Friday in Florida. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — Glenolia M. Lawson, 91, died Sunday. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Chalmer Cool

AUBURN — Chalmer A. Cool, 78, of West Ninth Street, Auburn, died Tuesday at 6:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Cool was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Auburn post of the American Legion. In 1979 he retired from Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler with 17 years of service.

He was born Nov. 27, 1917, in Jackson Township to Hiram J. Cool and Hazel M. Housel Cool Warner, who are deceased.

On Jan. 1, 1939, he married Alice L. Wertman. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Kenneth D. Cool of Auburn; a daughter, Nila (Mrs. Robert) Funk of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jeffrey Funk of Auburn, Daniel Funk of Fort Wayne, Todd Cool of Fort Wayne and Angela and Kimberly Cool, both of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Norma Irene Cool, and two brothers, George and Dale.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. Friday in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Robert Mercer

CHURUBUSCO — Robert D. Mercer, 50, of Blue Lake, Churubusco, died Sunday afternoon at his residence.

Mr. Mercer had been the business manager for the Heat and Frost Asbestos Workers Local 41 for the past six years. He worked as a journeyman before becoming business manager for the company. He was a lifetime resident of the area.

He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, serving one year in Vietnam. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1421 in Fort Wayne and the Masonic Temple in Fort Wayne. He was also a Shriner.

He was born Dec. 8, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Rella Mercer. His mother, Rella Winchester, survives in Markle, and his father is deceased.

He married Rebecca Rondot on Nov. 23, 1987, in Churubusco, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Roy David Mercer of Edgerton, Ohio, and Russel Daniel Mercer of Butler; one daughter, Kassandra Nadine Mercer, at home; one stepdaughter, Michelle Birk of Columbia City; four sisters, Brenda Ness, Sharon Till and Mary Kracium, all of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Anna Parks of Monroe; and four grandchildren.

One son, Robert Dale Mercer Jr., preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A Masonic service will be held during visitation hours.

Services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne. VFW Post 1421 will conduct graveside military rites.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Allen County Hospice.

Esther Zerkle

ANGOLA — Esther E. Zerkle, 60, died Tuesday evening in her Angola home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Allen Clark

ANGOLA — Allen "Al" Clark, 85, died June 14 at his home in Zephyrhills, Fla.

He was the former owner of the Angola Garage, and was later employed by Angola Distributors.

He was born Oct. 20, 1910, in Albion, Mich., to L.B. and Gertrude (Sweeney) Clark.

In 1981, he married Marcie (Cleveland) Clark, who survives.

He also is survived by a daughter, Sharon Kasaba of Dearborn, Mich.; two stepsons, Jim Shoup of Pleasant Lake and Ron Shoup of Seattle; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Devlin of Independence, Kan.; a brother, H. Lyle Clark of LaGrange; three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alda Clark, in 1980.

A memorial graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Cremation was June 16 at National Cremation Society.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Robert D. Mercer, 50, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Esther Zerkle

ANGOLA — Esther E. Zerkle, 60, died Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. in her Angola home.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived in Butler.

Mrs. Zerkle was born April 24, 1936, in Butler to the late Floyd and Alice (Cripe) Martin.

She married Gerald H. Zerkle on Sept. 25, 1954, in the Butler Evangelical United Brethren Church, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gregory A. of Angola and Jeffery L. of Waterloo; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Dwayne Martin, and one sister, Flora Bell Metz.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Doenges of Alvarado United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Virginia Kummer

MUNCIE — Virginia W. Kummer, 70, died Wednesday in Ball Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was a Muncie resident and had lived in Delaware County for more than 50 years. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Kummer was born in Jamestown, Tenn.

Surviving her are her husband of 49 years, Donald E.; one daughter, Carolyn A. Hutson of Gaston; one son, Martin E. of Auburn; a granddaughter, Kristina A. Hutson of Gaston; and a niece, Betty Burch of Muncie.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Reba Brooks, and a brother, Lloyd Stockton.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday after 11 a.m. in Garden View Funeral Home, Muncie.

Services will be conducted Saturday at noon in the funeral home. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

Kenton Harman

ANGOLA — Kenton Harman, 83, of Angola, died Wednesday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Harman was a farmer and had worked as a small-motor repairman at Oliver's Sales for 20 years.

He was born Oct. 1, 1912, in Scott Township to Frank and Cora (McNeal) Harman.

On Nov. 13, 1937, he married Marie (Oberlin) Harman, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Duane Harman of Fremont; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Harman, in 1976.

A private family service is planned with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the family in care of Marie Harman. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Luella Strock

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Luella R. Strock, 76, died Tuesday at 9:22 p.m. in Hicksville Community Hospital, where she had been a patient six days.

She retired from Jungle Den at Astor, Fla., in 1989. She lived in Fountain Manor Care Center for the past year, and formerly lived at Southern Hills Apartments in Hicksville. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1938.

Mrs. Strock was born May 17, 1920, in Hicksville to the late Joe and Julia (McComas) Rhodes.

She married George A. Strock on Oct. 2, 1939, in Hicksville, and he died May 10, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy Noll of Decatur and Brenda Haase of Hicksville; two brothers, Joe Rhodes of Avilla and Max Rhodes of Ligonier; three sisters, Margaret Terrill of Hicksville, Bettie Kurtman of Auburn, and Maxine Olds of Butler; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One daughter, Patsy Lou, and one brother, James, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown

Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will take place Friday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Dr. Marcus Lohrmann, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Fountain Manor Care Center or St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — Floyd A. Hatch, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Huntertown United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the Methodist church on Friday.

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The Evening Star, Fri., Sept. 20, 1996,

Deaths/Funerals

Margaret Alley

LANSING, Mich. — Margaret W. Alley, 74, died Sept. 13 at her son's home in Angola.

Formerly of Flint, Mich., she graduated from Lawton High School in 1940, then graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing. She and her husband, the Rev. Hugh Alley, served many churches throughout the Midwest for more than 42 years, eventually retiring in 1995 in Lansing.

She was a member of the Martin Van Buren Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and was active in the American Baptist Women's Mission Society.

She was born July 8, 1922, in Lawton, Mich., to Dan and Leona (Nelson) Root. She was married to the Rev. Alley for 47 years. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 1995.

She is survived by five sons, Dr. Jonathan Alley of Angola, Dan of Stuart, Fla., Peter of Big Rapids, Mich., Timothy of Ludington, Mich.; and Joseph of Hope Mills, N.C.; one brother, Bill Root of Nashville, Tenn.; three sisters, Ruth Pomeroy of Kalamazoo, Mich., Betty Preston of Phoenix, and Marian Love of East Lansing, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grand-

children.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Root of Lawton.

Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Lawton. Local arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Silas M. Goodrich, 80, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Indiana time Monday in Sturgis, Mich., with calling 1-8 p.m. Indiana time Sunday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

MERRIAM — Phyllis May Nicely, 60, died Wednesday. Memorial services during worship services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Virgil Wilcox

FREMONT — Virgil R. Wilcox, 82, died Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Wilcox was a farmer.

He was born Aug. 14, 1914, in Pleasant Lake, to Russell and Gladys (Ebel) Wilcox. On Nov. 28, 1936, he married Mildred Wilcox. She survives him.

He also is survived by two sons, William (and wife Sharon) Wilcox of Angola, and John (and wife Madonna) Wilcox of Fremont; two sisters, Dessie (and husband Albert) Stayner of Angola, and Maxine (and husband Ray) Ernsberger of Helmer; 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The Rev. Rodger Strong will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorial gifts may be made to CompreCare Home Health.

Arthur Crothers

AUBURN — Arthur E. Crothers, 53, died Saturday at 2:15 p.m. at his home on West Edge Drive, Auburn. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

He retired in 1984 from operating his own business, Art's Professional Auto Service, because of his health. He graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1962, and was a member of the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle.

He was born Feb. 13, 1943, in Fort Wayne to the late Harry D. and Edna O. (Smith) Crothers.

He married Lucille Morrison on June 8, 1985 in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sharee Christopher of Fort Wayne; one son, Arthur Edward "Eddie" Crothers II of Spencerville; six

stepdaughters, Kathy Ely of Fort Wayne, Susie Steele of Defiance, Ohio, and Mary Thomburg, Linda Stairhime, Karen Beagle, and Sarah McKeever, all of Hicksville; three sisters, Carol Fisher and Beverly Barrone, both of Fort Wayne, and June Vogel of Yardley, Pa.; one brother, John of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and 17 step-grandchildren.

One brother, Bill Crothers, and one stepson, Robert "Jose" Thomburg, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today after 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. Dana Ballinger will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Helen Carmer

AUBURN — Helen M. Carmer, 95, died Monday at 7 a.m. in her home on Greenhaven Terrace, Auburn.

Mrs. Carmer worked at Messenger Corp. for 12 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 21, 1901, in Auburn to the late Frank and Lena (Bartels) Provines.

She married Andrew J. Carmer on Feb. 21, 1920, in Grand Rapids, Mich., and he died in 1974.

Surviving are one son, Harold of Auburn; three daughters, Doris Sanxter, Janet Beaty and Carole Carmer, all of Auburn; one sister, Neva Provines of Auburn; three grandchildren, Brett Carmer and Lynn Carmer, both of Auburn, and Larry Sanxter of Des Moines, Iowa; and four great-grandchildren, Stephanie and Andrea Carmer, both of Auburn, and Branyan and Channing Sanxter, both of Los Almos, N.M.

Two brothers, Frank Provines and Milo Provines, and one sister, Mabel Jordan, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Sidney Short officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Maurine Johnson

WATERLOO — Maurine B. Johnson, 97, died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided for seven years.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and formerly lived in Waterloo for 22 years.

She was born July 19, 1899, in Angola to the late George M. and Ora (Rice) Beard. Her husband, Paul J. Johnson, died in 1977.

Surviving her is one niece, Jean Russeff of California.

Three sisters, Mabel Groves, Hazel O'Brien, and Georgia Tuttle, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Alan Gibson officiating. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Warren North

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Warren J. North, 91, died Sept. 17 in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. North was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. During World War II, he was an instructor for the Army at Riddle Aeronautical Corp. in Florida, and later went on to become a captain in the Air Force Transport Command, ferrying B-24 and B-17 aircraft to war zones around the world.

He was a pioneer in the field of aviation. His aviation career began in Indiana, flying in an OX5 Jenny,



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barnstorming and crop dusting. He was a captain for Pan-American air and was a businessman in Fort Lauderdale for over 60 years. He helped start the First Baptist Church of Davie, Fla., of which he was a member.

He was president of Western Sugar Growers in Clewiston, Fla., at the time of his death.

Mr. North was born June 12, 1905, in Monticello, Ind., to the late John and Alice (Kitchen) North.

He married Patricia Reed on April 28, 1944, and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Sunny K. Liddell of Auburn and Jo Ann North of Orlando, Fla.; one son-in-law, Dr. David C. Liddell of Auburn; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 20 at Davie Methodist Church, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Fort Lauderdale.

Max Young

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Max Earl Young, 75, died Sept. 10 at his winter home in Palm Harbor, Fla. He also resided in Churubusco.

He worked for 30 years as a brewery worker for Old Crown Brewery and Falstaff Brewing Co. of Fort Wayne. He received the World War II Victory Medal while serving as a noncommissioned officer of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 2, 1921, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Blanchard Young; one daughter, Marilyn Rose Young; two stepsons, Clayton D. Blanchard Jr. of Fort Wayne and John C. Blanchard; one brother, Robert Young of Garrett; two granddaughters, Autumn Young Stanek and Pamela Tracy, both of Fort Wayne; and one stepgrandson, George C. Blanchard of Angola.

One daughter, Elaine Tracy, preceded him in death in 1983.

Services by the Clearwater American Legion Color Guard were conducted Sept. 17 at Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens, Palm Harbor. Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Legion Post 157, Main Street, Churubusco, or the Blue Lake Association, in care of Dick Hamilton, 6858 Harold Place, Churubusco.

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Evening Star

Area Deaths

ALBION — Dorthey J. Dunlap, 73, died Monday. Arrangements are pending in Orr Funeral Home, Albion.

AVILLA — Richard H. Topolewski, 67, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

AVILLA — Robert Don Pippenger, 63, died Sept. 9. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

CHURUBUSCO — Howard M. Dorton, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Gaston United Methodist Church, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — Virginia M. Smitley, 69, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

CROMWELL — Virginia M.

Conkling, 75, died Monday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Estates of Serenity in Marion.

Deaths/Funerals

Rose Smith

PLEASANT LAKE — Rose (Blanton) Smith, 48, died Tuesday at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

She was employed at the Holiday Inn, Angola, and was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Angola.

She was born Jan. 23, 1948, in Kentucky, to Paris and Hazel (Baird) Blanton. Her parents are deceased.

She is survived by a son, Robert Smith of Ashley; a daughter, Tammy Faust of New Bremen, Ohio; two brothers, Pat Blanton of Ashley and Mike Blanton of Pleasant Lake; and two sisters, Dawn Myers of Pleasant Lake and Carolyn Bail of Medical Lake, Wash.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in Faith Baptist Church, Angola, where friends may call from noon until service time. The Rev. J. Arnold Fair of Faith Baptist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Ruger

GARRETT — Raymond V. Ruger, 84, died Tuesday at 6:10 p.m. in Kendallville Manor, Kendallville.

Mr. Ruger was a welder at Gladieux Refinery, Fort Wayne, for nine years, retiring in 1982. He attended Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn, and lived on County Road 19, Garrett.

He was born Oct. 20, 1911, in Antwerp, Ohio, to the late Ward and Anna (Matzen) Ruger.

He married Marilyn Nicholson on July 5, 1957, in Guadalajara, Mexico, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jack of Garrett; four daughters, Marilyn Etzler of Payne, Ohio, Carolyn Wolfe of Gaylord, Mich., and Jackie DeWitt and Kathy Back, both of Garrett; three brothers, Dean of Houlton Lake, Mich., Edward of Florida, and Richard of New Haven; one sister, Gladys Williams of Pasadena, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One son, Kenneth, and one brother, Norman, preceded him in death.

Services will take place Friday at 2 p.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, County Road 40-A, Auburn, with calling at the church after noon. Pastor Dave Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Marilyn Ruger, 5193 County Road 19, Garrett IN 46738.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Marvin L. Miller, 60, died Saturday. Grave-side services will be private at Sparta Cemetery. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Custer

GARRETT — Mary L. Custer, 51, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Custer was a homemaker and lived on Covell Street in Garrett. She was a member of the auxiliaries of the Garrett post of the American Legion and Garrett Eagles lodge.

She was born Aug. 12, 1945, in DeKalb County to George and Ruth B. (Donley) Peters.

She married Daniel Custer Sr. on Sept. 18, 1962, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Daniel Jr. and James A., both of Garrett, Ronald W. of Plainfield, Thomas L. of Westville, and Kenneth L.; one sister, Hazel M. Martin of Kendallville; her mother-in-law, Maxine Franks of Garrett; three brothers, George Peters and Harry Peters, both of Garrett, and John Custer of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Cemetery, Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Mary J. Guenin, 71, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

CHURUBUSCO — Ila E. Parker, 92, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — Eloise D. Dinehart, 64, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Owens Funeral Home, Alexandria, with calling there 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille Edna VanWagner, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in South Milford Church of Christ. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — Rex E. O'Hara, 73, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Maynard R. Wyman, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary Custer

GARRETT — Mary L. Custer, 51, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Custer was a homemaker and lived on Covell Street in Garrett. She was a member of the auxiliaries of the Garrett post of the American Legion and Garrett Eagles lodge.

She was born Aug. 12, 1945, in DeKalb County to George and Ruth B. (Donley) Peters.

She married Daniel Custer Sr. on Sept. 18, 1962, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Daniel Jr. and James A., both of Garrett, Ronald W. of Plainfield, Thomas L. of Westville, and Kenneth L.; one sister, Hazel M. Martin of Kendallville; her mother-in-law, Maxine Franks of Garrett; three brothers, George Peters and Harry Peters, both of Garrett, and John Peters of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Agnes Kasinger

AUBURN — Agnes M. Kasinger, 59, of Auburn, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kasinger was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn for 25 years. She was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church

She was born Aug. 22, 1937, in Central City, Ky., to John and Daisy Hogan. Her parents are deceased.

She married William H. Kasinger on Dec. 8, 1964, in Morgantown, Ky. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons, Billy L. Pogue (and wife Regina), Richard D. Pogue (and wife, Tammy), Leonard D. Pogue (and wife Susan) and Kenneth E. Kasinger (and fiancée Susan Voirol), all of Auburn; one brother, Charles E. Hogan, Beaver Dam, Ky.; and four granddaughters, Erin Goodman, Kasey Pogue, Leigh-Ann Pogue and Brittany Pogue;

She was preceded in death by one sister, Lulu Reed.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Baptist Church, with calling one hour before services at the church. The Rev. Kenny Queener, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to the church, the American Cancer Society or the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1540, Chicago IL 60606.

Levi Griffith

FORT WAYNE — Levi Robert Griffith, 86, died Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. at The Arbors, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffith retired from International Harvester Co. in 1970 with 37 years of service. He was a member of Moose Lodge 566 in Auburn, the Indiana Sheriffs Association, 10 Year Club, and Local 57, UAW at

Navistar. He had lived in Fort Wayne since 1943.

He was born May 26, 1910, in LaGrange to the late Aaron Dice and Susan Katherine Whisler.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; two sons, Jerry D. of Rockville, Md., and Larry D. of Garrett; two daughters, Gwendalyn J. Bray of Concord, N.C., and Gwendadean J. West of Loudon, Tenn.; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Deaths/Funerals

Andrew Hollis

GARRETT — Andrew F. Hollis, 82, died Friday at 1:23 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Hollis was a lifetime Garrett resident and worked as a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad conductor for more than 40 years, retiring in 1975. He was a lifetime member of the Eagles and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

He was born Feb. 13, 1914, in Garrett to Andrew and Ida Mae (Richard) Hollis. His parents are deceased.

He married Agnes M. Molargik on June 22, 1940, in Ege, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, James of Corunna; two daughters, Jean Frohriep of Leo and Joyce McBride of Garrett; one brother, Robert of Avilla; seven grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, Leo, Joe, Germain, and Allouisus; and one sister, Margaret McGoughlin.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett. A rosary service will take place in the funeral home at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling one hour prior to services. The Rev. Richard Urbine will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School, Garrett.

Timothy Crowley-Slantz

FREMONT — Timothy Mark Crowley-Slantz, 13, died Wednesday at his home in Jackson, Mich.

He was born March 11, 1983, in Kalamazoo, Mich. to Mark Slantz and Sandra Crowley.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Mark and Denise Slantz of Bronson, Mich.; two stepbrothers, Joe Slantz of Ashley and Kenny Henderson of Hamilton; four stepsisters, Tina Henderson of Hamilton, Jayelynn Dawson of Pleasant Lake, and Shannon Slantz and Jessica Slantz, both of Toledo, Ohio; and his grandparents, Phyllis and Chuck Waters of Angola and Robert and Patricia Williams of Albion, Mich.

Friends may call Monday from noon-1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Graveside services begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Jamestown Cemetery. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Timothy Crowley-Slantz Funeral Fund in care of Beams Funeral Home.

Area Deaths

WARSAW — **Mary E. Vanator**, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. today in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

GOSHEN — **Beulah Mockler**, 91, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died Tuesday. Services for the Shipshewana native were Friday in Goshen.

HIGHLAND — **Bertha M. Hodges**, 74, formerly of Highland, died Monday. Services were held Thursday in Highland.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Robert Samuels**, 70, Sturgis, Mich., died Monday. A memorial service was held Wednesday in Sturgis.

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Deaths/Funerals

Thaddeus Czaja

ST. JOE — Thaddeus "Ted" Czaja, 49, died Sunday about 6:45 p.m. in his St. Joe home.

Mr. Czaja was a supervisor at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 29 years. He was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church.

He was a coach for Little League baseball for many years and a coach for Eastside Little League Football. He was president of the Riverdale Youth League for six years.

He was a member of the core committee for the Eastside Adult Booster Club and the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Czaja was born April 12, 1947, in Williamsport, Pa., to Thaddeus and Agnes (Shonk) Czaja. His mother survives and his father died in 1993.

He married Myra L. Munsey on Sept. 26, 1969, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Chad of St. Joe; one daughter, Jennifer "J.J." Czaja of St. Joe; and three brothers, Ronald J. of Auburn, and Joseph J. and Lawrence J., both of Butler.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of the Newville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Riverdale Youth League or Rise Inc. of Angola.

Wanda Holley

SPENCERVILLE — Wanda Holley died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Betty Altman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Betty L. Altman, 74, died Sunday afternoon at her Hicksville home after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Mrs. Altman was director of nursing at Hicksville Hospital and served on its board of directors for 33 years. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was a Rotary Citizen of the Year. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1940 and St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1943.

She was born Feb. 11, 1922, in Hicksville to the late Virgil and Maybelle R. (Gueth) Blythe.

Her first husband, Charles Lowell Stuckman, preceded her in death. She married Guy D. Altman on Aug. 25, 1946, and he died Dec. 12, 1989.

Surviving are one son, Richard L. Altman of Hicksville; one daughter, Cheryl A. Miller of Hicksville, and three grandchildren.

One sister, Joan L. Killian, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday after 1 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Dorothea Camp

WATERLOO — Dorothea E. Camp, 98, died Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Camp was a homemaker and formerly lived in Waterloo. She was a former teacher in Williams County, Ohio, in several one-room schools.

She was born Oct. 25, 1897, in Williams County to the late Thomas and Francis (Priest) Wiles.

She married Emery Camp on Oct. 12, 1929, in Bryan, Ohio, and he died in 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Noel of Waterloo and Thomas of Tucson, Ariz.; three daughters, Barbara Schieber of Waterloo, Rachel Dohner of Butler, and Charlotte Bedson of Galion, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

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Wava Holiday

ANGOLA — Wava M. Holiday, 96, died Saturday at 11:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holiday had been a school teacher for No. 4 School in Jackson Township, Steuben County. She was a member of the Flint United Methodist Church and a former member of the Steuben County Home Economics Club.

She was born Aug. 16, 1900, in Millgrove Township, Steuben County, to Jay and Flora (Sams) Abbott. On July 5, 1919, she married Ray Holiday, who preceded her in death on March 10, 1965.

She is survived by three sons, Raymond Holiday and Richard "Dick" Holiday, both of Angola, and Roland "Bud" Holiday of Hamilton; two daughters, Rachel Henderson and Leah Butz, both of Angola; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Audra Staynor and Eva Benfer, and one daughter, Helen Eyster.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. Steven Brittenham will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Flint United Methodist Church.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials donations may be made to the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Bruce G. Murphy**, 73, died at 3:25 p.m. Sunday. Services at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marion B. "Bud" Strait**, 66, died Saturday. Arrangements are pending at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Carl E. Shoda**, 91, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Christine Begley**, 43, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Christine Begley**, 43, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Frances Kail

CASEY, Ill. — Frances Kail, 70, died Wednesday at Birchwood Shelter Care Center in Casey, Ill. She had resided there 10 years.

Mrs. Kail lived in the Auburn area in the 1960s.

She was born Sept. 3, 1926, in Casey. She married Walter "Red" Kail on Aug. 5, 1955, and he died June 2, 1985.

She is survived by three sisters and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Carr of Auburn.

Burial took place Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Parkinson Foundation.

Wanda Holley

SPENCERVILLE — Wanda L. Holley, 53, died Sunday at 6 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holley worked in the human resources department at Tri-Wall containers, Butler, for 15 years. She was a Spencerville resident and a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Dec. 9, 1942, in DeKalb County to Aaron and Coralee (Knox) Holman. They survive in St. Joe.

She married the Rev. Douglas D. Holley on Aug. 25, 1962, in St. Joe, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Luke and Jessica Holley of St. Joe; one daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Bruce Lee of Vancouver, Wash.; two brothers, Allen Holman and Carlyle Holman, both of St. Joe; three sisters, Gailanna Ransom of Avilla, Karen Smith of Harahan, La., and Pam Bello of Rockland, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Rebecca and Zachary Holley of St. Joe.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in Coburn Corners Church of Christ, with calling at the church after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. D.V. Dillinger will officiate,

assisted by the Rev. Matt Hagle and the Rev. Todd Steere. Burial will be in the Alton Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to Great Lakes Christian College or Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Betty Jones

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Elizabeth Frances "Betty" Jones, 78, died Sept. 19 in her home at Green Valley, Ariz.

She was an Auburn resident for 25 years and had lived in Arizona since 1991. She and her husband co-owned Roy Jones Dog Shows in Auburn, which was incorporated in 1967.

She was born March 1, 1918, in Chicago.

Surviving are her husband, Roy, of 1334 Abrego Drive, Green Valley AZ 85614; one daughter and son-in-law, Johanna and William C. Dock of Renton, Wash.; and two granddaughters, Kelly Griffith of Auburn, Wash., and Kara Jones in Phoenix.

Memorial services were conducted Sept. 25 in Green Valley Mortuary.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mildred Blanchard**, 90, died Monday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marion B. "Bud" Strait**, 72, died Saturday at home. Services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Deaths/Funerals

Romayne Scott

AUBURN — Romayne J. Scott, 89, died Tuesday at 11:35 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Scott was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a lifetime DeKalb County resident and a graduate of Auburn High School. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born Dec. 25, 1906, in Garrett to the late Henry and Marie (Slessman) Geib.

She married Marion V. Scott on May 14, 1925, in Knox County, Ill., and he died Dec. 30, 1977.

Surviving are four sons, Forrest G. and John O., both of Auburn, William H. of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Vernon L. of Hopkinsville, Tenn.; one daughter, Jean M. Franze of Lawrenceburg; 17 grandchildren, including Bill Franze of Auburn, who lived with her, and 27 great-grandchildren.

Three half-brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Ross Pennell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ross Wilmer "Lightning" Pennell, 75, died Monday at 11:50 p.m. in The Laurels of Coldwater.

A former Fremont resident, he was a retired farmer and a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. George DeVore will officiate. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jody Barry

FORT WAYNE — Jody Alan Barry, 19, died Tuesday in Allen County.

The Fort Wayne native and lifelong city resident worked at Fort Wayne Foundry in Columbia City. He was a 1996 graduate of Northrop High School and was a student at Ivy Tech State College.

Surviving are his parents, Joseph A. and Judy M. Barry; three half-brothers, Scott Guithier of Madera, Calif., Michael Horowitz of Butler and Patrick Horowitz of Auburn; a half-sister, Theresa Kempf of Avila; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sullivan and LaVon Barry, all of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Peter Catholic Church, 518 E. DeWald St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with prayers at 8:45 p.m., and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Shirley Sowles

ANGOLA — Shirley D. Sowles, 91, died Monday at 11:30 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Sowles was a retired farmer. He was born Dec. 17, 1904, in Scott Township to Fred and Addie (Light) Sowles.

On Dec. 13, 1942, he married Arlene (Lint) Sowles. She survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by one son, Robert Sowles of Angola, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Days

AUBURN — Robert Fern Days, 76, died Tuesday at 2:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Days was a mechanic at Truelove Brothers in Albion. He had lived in Auburn 11 years and formerly lived in Rome City. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Rome City American Legion Post 381 and Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749.

He was born Nov. 15, 1919, in Ashley to the late Edson and Mable (Grear) Days.

He married Edith Winebrenner on May 14, 1949, in Angola, and she died April 9, 1982.

Surviving are one brother, Alfred Days of Corunna; four sisters, Joan Donat of Waterloo, Barbara Stout of LaOtto, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne, and Silene Cheek of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a son in infancy, one daughter, Cynthia Jo Days, one brother, and four sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Howard Foster

KETTERING, Ohio — Howard H. Foster, 91, died Tuesday at 3 a.m. in Carriage-By-The-Lake Nursing Center in Bellbrook, Ohio.

A resident of Kettering, Ohio, he formerly lived in Auburn with his daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and William Brown. He was a retired inspector for Public Service Transport.

Mr. Foster was born Oct. 11, 1904, in Farmville, Va., to the late Robert E. and Cora Virginia (Craig) Foster.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and William

Brown of Kettering; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert H. and Mildred Foster of New Jersey; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Morris Sons Funeral Home, 1771 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio.

Services will be conducted later in New Jersey, with burial in Hollywood Memorial Park Mausoleum in Union, N.J.

Kenneth Berkes

ALBION — Kenneth R. Berkes, 89, died Tuesday at Southview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Kendallville.

Mr. Berkes was born Sept. 29, 1907, in Noble County to Fred and Mary (Rauh) Berkes. On Nov. 27, 1930, in Albion, he married Wilma Scheurich, who preceded him in death May 9, 1973.

The retired farmer lived in Kendallville until 1941, when he moved to Albion to live on the farm. He was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Peggy Thomas of Kimmell, Patricia Strangland of Albion, Sandra Bills of Kendallville and Mary LeFever of Churubusco; four sons, Melvin Berkes of Kendallville; and Larry Berkes, Walter Berkes and Max Berkes, all of Albion; two sisters,

Josephine Sabrosky of Grosse Isle, Mich., and Lucille Kinney of Harrsville, Mich.; two brothers, Robert Berkes of Angola and Thad Berkes of Florida; 24 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

One son, Jack Berkes, and one brother, Jim Berkes, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Burr Oak Baptist Church, C.R. 200S south of Albion. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Rev. Karl Kirkman Jr.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Ohio — The Rev. Karl F. Kirkman Jr. died Wednesday at 12:50 a.m. at his Ohio residence.

He was a minister at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, from June 1971 to October 1985, and served as the pastor of St. Peter United Church of Christ, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio, for the past five years.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth E. (Collin) Kirkman; his wife of 39 years, Nancy Jane (Reed) Kirkman; one son, Thomas R. Kirkman of Newport News, Va.; two daughters, Susan White of Quincy, Ill., and Ann Johnson of Merrill, Wis.; three brothers, Robert, Richard and Kenneth Kirkman; one sister, Sherrill Heinlein; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service begins at 2 p.m. Monday in St. Peter United Church of Christ, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio. The chancel choir from First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, will sing at the service.

Directions to the church are: Take 275 East to 71 South; take Ridge Avenue exit and turn left to Ridge Avenue; turn right on Ridge Avenue, and go about one mile on Ridge Avenue. The church is at 6120 Ridge Ave.

There will be no visitation.

Memorial gifts may be made to the church or to Eden Theological Seminary.

Clarence Cummins

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Christopher Cummins, 83, of Kendallville, died at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. He had been in failing health since 1973.

He was born in Butler Township, DeKalb County, on May 8, 1913, to Frank and Drunis "Dessie" (Lantham) Cummins. On Aug. 15, 1952, in Stroh, he married Nelda Maxine

Rowlison. She survives.

Mr. Cummins had lived in Kendallville before moving to Sylvan Lake, Rome City, where he had lived 32 years. He moved back to Kendallville in 1993. He retired from Newnam Manufacturing in 1973 due to poor health. He was a member of Salem United Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Sam Slone, and Tina and DeWayne Kirk, all of Rome City; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald and Jackie Rowlison of Stroh, Donald and Alice Cummings of Paw Paw, Mich., and Harold and Connie Cummins of Rome City; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare Home Health, Noble County EMS or Salem United Baptist Church.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Richard Stanton**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

SYRACUSE — **Florence V. Tedesco**, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Calling 9-11 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles H. Leaders

HUDSON — Charles H. Leaders, 77, of Hudson, died at 11:03 p.m. Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Henry Township, Wood County, Ohio, on Aug. 21, 1919, to Peter and Anna (Keehn) Leaders. In Defiance, Ohio, on May 17, 1947, he married Marjorie Siebenaler. She survives.

Mr. Leaders was a 1938 graduate of Holgate High School, Holgate, Ohio, and moved to Hudson in 1977. He was a farmer in Hillsdale County, Montgomery, Mich., and a worker for the state of Michigan. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was an aerial engineer for the Army Air Corps. He was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, and helped build the church. He was affiliated with Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was also an avid CB and ham radio operator.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Roger Arnold of Hudson, Dolores and Jerry Waller of Angola, and Elisa and John Wiley of Auburn; four sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Lorna Leaders and Joseph and Darlene Leaders, all of Hudson, Darrell and Ella Leaders of Wolcottville and Peter and Dolly Leaders of Frontier, Mich.; a sister, Hazel Huddle of Napoleon, Ohio; three brothers, Lawrence Leaders and Robert Leaders, both of Napoleon, Ohio, and Raymond Leaders of Hudson, Fla.; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis; a granddaughter, Susie Jane Waller; a sister, Vera Franz; and a brother, John Leaders.

Funeral services will be at 11

a.m. Monday in Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, with the Rev. Donald E. Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Fremont, with military graveside rites by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Heart Fund.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arthur C. Fisher**, 64, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **LeRoy Ira Fisher**, 79, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Arlene Kirkley

GARRETT — Arlene V. Kirkley, 71, of Homestead Drive, Garrett, died Friday at 2:46 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Ross Baptist Church, Gary.

She was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Metter, Ga., to Erbin and Ruby (Lane) Lanier, who are deceased.

On March 26, 1942, she married Lawrence R. Kirkley in Tavares, Fla., and he survives in Garrett.

Along with her husband, she is survived by two sons, James Kirkley of Gary and John Kirkley of Crown Point; three daughters, Theresa Romich of Garrett and Laura Gordon and Judy Frederick of Griffith; three brothers, Swanson Lanier of Statesboro, Ga., Ray Lanier of St. John, and Donald Lanier of Auburn, Ala.; four sisters, Jo Wilhite, of Auburn, Ala., Peggy Olive of Atlanta, and Betty Bowler and Missy Chester, both of Statesboro, Ga.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Bobby Lanier, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland, with the Rev. Frank Worthington officiating.

Friends may call today from 2-7 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at Kuiper Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Schererville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Henry Scott

ANGOLA — Henry Scott, 75, of Angola, died Friday at 8:30 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Scott had worked for the community sheltered workshop in Angola.

He was born April 8, 1921, in Marion to Ownie and Mary (Harter) Scott, who preceded him in death. He also was preceded in death by a brother.

He is survived by two sisters, Eva Carpenter of Marion and Max-

ine Cook of Huntertown.

There will be no funeral or visitation. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Jack Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Jack D. Johnson, 56, of Kendallville, died at 7:55 a.m. Friday at his residence. He had been ill since Dec. 19, 1994.

On April 12, 1940, in Albion, he was born to Howard and Lavern (Bailey) Johnson. His mother, Lavern King, survives in Kendallville. On March 13, 1977, in Kendallville, he married Anita K. Valenti, who survives.

Mr. Johnson had lived most of his life in the Kendallville area. He was a self-employed roofer for 35 years and a member of the Moose Lodge in Kendallville.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are three sons, Kevin King of Wolcottville, Mark Johnson of Kendallville, and Gary Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio; one daughter, Linda Hoffelder of Butler; five brothers, Delbert, Roger and Kenny Johnson, all of Albion, Wesley Johnson of Kendallville, and Harold Johnson of Avilla; four sisters, Loretta Clark of Goshen, Betty Clouse of Albion, Lotty Ley of Houston, Texas, and Beatrice Epert of Syracuse; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Editor's note: The following obituary is being republished to correct information originally printed in Thursday's Evening Star.

Clarence Cummins

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Christopher Cummins, 83, of Kendallville, died at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. He had been in

failing health since 1973.

He was born in Butler Township, DeKalb County, on May 8, 1913, to Frank and Drunis "Dessie" (Lantham) Cummins. On Aug. 15, 1952, in Stroh, he married Nelda Maxine Rowilson. She survives.

Mr. Cummins had lived in Kendallville before moving to Sylvan Lake, Rome City, where he had lived 32 years. He moved back to Kendallville in 1993. He retired from Newnam Manufacturing in 1973 due to poor health. He was a member of Salem Community Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Sam Slone, and Tina and DeWayne Kirk, all of Rome City; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald and Jackie Rowilson of Stroh, Donald and Alice Cummins of Paw Paw, Mich., and Harold and Connie Cummins of Rome City; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services are today at 10 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Salem Community Baptist Church or ACS.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Funeral arrangements are pending for **Robert E. Scott**, 73, of Brooksville, Fla., and formerly of Albion, who died at 10:45 a.m. Friday at his residence. Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

LAGRANGE — **Irene Ehret**, 97, of LaGrange, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — Funeral arrangements are pending for **Doyle Dawson** of Churubusco who died Friday. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Rita Shatto

ANGOLA — Rita Jean Shatto, 39, of Angola, died Monday at 3:30 a.m. in the University of Chicago Hospital.

Mrs. Shatto was a homemaker and attended Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church of God in Angola.

She was born May 4, 1957, in Angola to Robert Charles Kline and Ethel Viola Henderson, who preceded her in death.

On Dec. 31, 1979, she married DeWayne Shatto, who survives at home.

Also surviving are her stepfather, Leroy McClellan of Ashley; her stepmother, Mary Kline of Ligonier; four stepbrothers, Marion Ward of Ligonier, Bill McClellan of Hudson, James McClellan of Pleasant Lake, and Ted McClellan of Pleasant Lake; and four sisters, Sharon Neely of Quincy, Mich., JoAnn Royal-Hanna of Butler, Gayle Spence of Angola, and Kim Ward of Ligonier.

There will be no calling. Graveside services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions for funeral expenses may be made in care of Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Russell Warstler

KENDALLVILLE — Russell Eugene Warstler, 59, died Monday at 11:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Warstler worked at Colwell General Co. in Kendallville for 11 years and lived on West Rush

Street. He was a stamp dealer and collector for many years.

He was born Dec. 15, 1936, in DeKalb County to Walter and Mae (Hesley) Warstler. They survive in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are four sons, Kenneth of Butler, Tom of Waterloo, Dennis of Carson, Nev., and Jerry of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Cindy Warstler of Kendallville; one brother, Richard of Rosenberg, Texas; one sister, Carol Shipe of Southport; and two grandchildren, Tracy and Dustin Warstler, both of Butler.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home by the Rev. Glenda Woodcox, pastor of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Golden Lake. Burial will be in the Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Doyle E. Dawson**, 76, was found dead Friday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there after noon Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Ruth M. Barker**, 82, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St., with calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

KIMMELL — **Earl "Red" Kring**, 85, died Sunday. Services at

10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

WOLF LAKE — **Marlo Glenn Stangland**, 85, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Jack McAninch

WATERLOO — Jack H. McAninch, 56, died Tuesday at 1 p.m. at his rural Waterloo home.

Mr. McAninch was an Auburn businessman for 23 years and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born May 20, 1940, in Indianapolis to Herbert and Louise (Woodruff) McAninch. His father survives in Auburn and his mother is deceased.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin and Mark, both of Fort Wayne, and Dan of Columbus, Ind.; and one sister, Erna M. Pelok of Wauseon, Ohio.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Ray Balzer officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Marcile Fish

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Marcile Albright Fish, 78, died Aug. 28 in Santa Ana, Calif. She was born in Waterloo.

Surviving her are her mother, Ethel Albright of Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett; one son, Steven Rupert of California; two daughters, Jane Radcliffe and Jean Landen, both of California; one brother, Vernon Albright of Oregon; one sister, Ruth Wray of California; eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several cousins in the DeKalb County area.

Services were conducted Sept. 3 in the First Baptist Church in Santa Ana.

Lazell Berning

AVILLA — Lazell Boyce Berning, 84, died Tuesday at 12:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Berning was a homemaker and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 1892 in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 3, 1912, in Antwerp, Ohio, to the late Isaac and Eva (Thomas) Boyce.

Surviving are her husband, Paul

S. of Avilla, and one sister, Betty L. Foltz, also of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Cottrell and Florence Carlyle, and one brother, Donald Boyce.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. (Indiana time) in Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, Ohio. A VFW Auxiliary service by Antwerp Post 5087 will be conducted Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Services will take place Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. John Gray will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Harold Niswander

ANGOLA — Harold E. Niswander, 72, died Tuesday at 2:35 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was a graduate of Defiance (Ohio) High School, and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving three years in the Navy Bomb Sight School.

Mr. Niswander drilled water wells in Defiance County and worked for Arps Dairy for 16 years. He retired from Mansville (Schuller International), the Columbus Avenue plant, in Defiance in 1986.

He was born June 20, 1924, in North Dakota to Ernest and Lydia (Gerber) Neuenschwander. His wife, Virginia (Niese) Niswander, survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by one son, Rex Niswander of Stryker, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. James (Roxanne) Thompson of Angola, and Mrs. Ronald (Lou) Yourth of Glen Gardner, N.J.; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Dora) Seigman of Defiance, Ohio, and Lillian Davis of Archbold, Ohio; one brother, Robert Niswander of Anderson; two aunts, Marie (Neuenschwander) Shenkel, and Bertie (Gerber) Spengler, both in Switzerland; and six grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or services. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association and the American Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Lazell Boyce Berning, 84, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Indiana time Friday in Antwerp, Ohio.

COLUMBIA CITY — A. Phyllis Kellermeier, 67, died Monday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Edgar L. Shoemaker, 79, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Dora Freeman

AUBURN — Dora Ellen Freeman, 86, died Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Freeman was a homemaker and former resident of Jackson Township. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 17, 1909, in Fulton County, Ohio, to the late Charles and Sarah (Stutzman) Porter.

She married Judson Guy Freeman on Oct. 5, 1927, in Fort Wayne, and he died Oct. 4, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Lavern of Kendallville and Stanley of Auburn; one daughter, Erma Casselman of Garrett; two sisters, Verda Strachan of Adrian, Mich., and Alice Creighton of Saginaw, Mich.; 13 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Wilma Freeman, five brothers and five sisters.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Kathleen Smith

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kathleen E. "Kate" Smith, 78, died early Wednesday morning at her home on West High Street, Hicksville.

Mrs. Smith was a home economics teacher in the Edgerton, Ohio, schools and also worked as a librarian at the Hicksville Public Library. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1936 and from Ohio University in 1940. She was a member of the Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church and the Hicksville Historical Society.

She was born July 5, 1918, in Auburn to the late Glenn and Beatrice (Blosser) Elder.

She married Budd Smith on July 20, 1947, in Hicksville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mary Smith of Hicksville; two sons, Jim of Cincinnati, and John of Antwerp, Ohio; one sister, Phyllis Rex of Williamsburg, Va.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter and two brothers, Max Elder and Dean Elder.

Friends may call today after 3 p.m. and Friday after 7 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will begin Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral

home. The Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorial contributions may be given to United Methodist Women or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Jo Heupel

AMBLER, Pa. — Mary Jo Heupel, 85, died Saturday at 7:15 a.m. in Ambler Nursing Home at

Ambler, Pa.

Mrs. Heupel was a graduate of Auburn High School and attended St. Mary's College in South Bend. A homemaker, she lived in Ambler and had left Auburn in 1935.

She was born Oct. 19, 1910, in Auburn to the late John and Lottie (Wolford) Hoff.

She married Frank G. Heupel in 1932 and he survives in Ambler.

Also surviving are one son, John P. of Addison, Ill.; one sister, Joan Kemper of Golf, Ill.; and three grandsons, Jack of St. Petersburg, Fla., Patrick of Niles, Ind., and Daniel of Addison.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery. The Rev. David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church will officiate.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Jack McAninch

WATERLOO — Jack H. McAninch, 56, died Tuesday at 1 p.m. at his rural Waterloo home.

Mr. McAninch was an Auburn businessman for 23 years and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born May 20, 1940, in Indianapolis to Herbert and Louise (Woodruff) McAninch. His father survives in Auburn and his mother is deceased.

He married Kathryn Luke on July 30, 1966, in Syracuse, N.Y., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin and Mark, both of Fort Wayne, and Dan of Columbus, Ind.; and one sister, Erna M. Pelok of Wauseon, Ohio.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 8:30 in the funeral home.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Ray Balzer officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Dorothy Fitzsimmons

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy I. Fitzsimmons, 81, died Tuesday at 11:45 p.m. in her Fort Wayne home.

She was a homemaker and member of Forest Park United Methodist Church. She had lived in Fort Wayne since 1937.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Auburn to the late Victor and Edna (Baumgardner) Thomas.

She married Guy P. Fitzsimmons in 1937 in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving her are one daughter, Linda L. Hyndma of Ligonier; one son, Michael D. of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will take place Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice.

Claudia Cousino

KENDALLVILLE — Claudia K. Cousino, 13 days old, died Tuesday at 4:02 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne Sept. 25, 1996, to Bryan Cousino and Barbara Gooslin. Her father survives in Garrett and her mother in Kendallville.

Also surviving are maternal grandmother Barbara Wells of Kendallville; paternal grandparents Virginia Cousino and Kenneth Cousino, both of Garrett; paternal great-grandparents Mabel Aborn of Auburn and Don Cousino of Avilla; and paternal stepgrandfather, Al Wiechert of Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Lake View Cemetery Chapel, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosely of Bethany Christian Church officiating.

There is no visitation.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Chapman

FORT WAYNE — Harold E. Chapman, 82, died Tuesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a tool-and-die maker, retiring from Precise Manufacturing Co. in 1982 with 46 years of service. He was a lifelong resident of Allen County.

He was born July 7, 1914, in Garrett to the late Harlan J. and Mary Jane (Notestine) Chapman. He married Rose "Betty" Hall on July 15, 1944, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jennifer J. Shaffer of Auburn, Doreen L. Crunk and Dorcas I. Curry, both of Woodburn, Elizabeth G. Wagley of New Bern, N.C., and Nedra W. Curry of Fort Wayne; four sons, Gordon F. of Waterloo, Leslie J. and Douglas L., both of Fort Wayne, and Galen E. of Leo; one brother, Joseph of Ferris, Texas; 15 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in Grabill Missionary Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bill Lepley will officiate, with burial in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grabill Missionary Church, World Relief, or Regional Blood Services.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Margaret E. Fries, 71, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Calling 2-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. today.

HARLAN — Edward W. Koch, 59, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Beatrice Cox

COLDWATER, Mich. — Beatrice B. "Dolly" Cox, 93, died Thursday at 5:45 a.m. in Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater, Mich.

She was born Aug. 4, 1903, in Delphos, Ohio, to Art and Anna (Wall) Redmond. She married Ray Cox and became a homemaker. He survives her.

She also is survived by a half-sister, Wilma Tregoning of Hudson, Fla. and nieces and nephews.

There will be no service or calling. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Wilma Young

ANGOLA — Wilma Gail Young, 81, of Angola, died Wednesday at 10:35 p.m. at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Rebekah Circle of United Methodist Women, and Angola Chapter 78 of Eastern Star's Jobs Daughters.

She was born Aug. 9, 1915, in Miami County to Samuel C. and Augusta M. (Cain) Exmeyer. On April 19, 1940, she married Merlin F. Young. He preceded her in death on June 30, 1993. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Jo Hallm on Oct. 20, 1991.

She is survived by one sister, Barbara Hanna of Kokomo; three grandchildren, Keith Hall of Angola, Jeffrey B. Hall of Miami, Fla., and Pamela Gombert of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation hours.

An Eastern Star service, followed by a memorial service, will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 25. The Rev. James Butler will officiate at the memorial service.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Robert Stone

WOLCOTTVILLE — Memorial services for Robert J. Stone, 81, of Wolcottville, who died Sept. 15 in his residence, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in United Methodist Church of the Covenant, 10001 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne.

There will be no visitation.

Mr. Stone spent most of his life in Fort Wayne and was a World War II Army veteran. He retired in 1979 as an assistant technical director of WKJG-TV after 15 years.

Surviving are his wife, Gwendolyn; two sons, Fred J. Stone of Fort Wayne, and Thomas C. Stone of Spencerville; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Kruger of Wolcottville; and five grandchildren.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or to Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Elizabeth Seltenright

AUBURN — Infant Elizabeth Kay Seltenright, age 3 months, died Friday about 3 p.m.

She was born July 15, 1996, in Auburn to William B. and Mary E. (Ueber) Seltenright. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are three brothers, Joshua D., Grant W. and Will N., all at home; her grandparents, Ima June Seltenright of Angola, and Paul and Sally Ueber of Wolcottville and her great-grandmother, Majel Moughler of Uniondale.

Friends may call tonight from 6-9 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 8:30 in the funeral home.

A Mass of the Angels will be celebrated Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Father Ray Blazer and Father Richard Hire will officiate. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, or to the family for the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation.

Elizabeth Hannes

AUBURN — Elizabeth A. Hannes, 84, died Saturday at 2 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Hannes was a homemaker and formerly lived in Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn. She moved to Auburn from Toledo, Ohio, in 1974. She was a graduate of Libby High School in Ohio and attended Auburn Alliance Church.

She was born Dec. 1, 1911, in Toledo to the late Elmer and Emma (Huff) Warner.

She married J. Milton Hannes on Sept. 2, 1933, in Toledo, and he died in February 1959.

Surviving are one son, Fred of Plano, Texas; one daughter, Loann Kent of Germantown, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jack, and one sister, Roberta Greiner.

Friends may call today from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will begin tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jim Welch of Auburn Alliance Church officiating. Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in Ottawa Hills Cemetery, Toledo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the building fund at the Auburn Alliance Church.

Helen Gould

KENDALLVILLE — Helen E. Gould, 86, died Saturday at 4:43 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and worked at No-Sag Spring Co., Kendallville, for 15 1/2 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Kendallville.

Mrs. Gould was born May 30, 1910, in Butler to the late Samuel and Bertha (Krontz) Jenks.

She married Clark L. Gould on July 1, 1929, and he died Sept. 27, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Carroll R. of Fort Wayne and Carson R. of Nashville, Tenn.; one daughter, Maxine Poynter of Rome City; two sisters, Pauline Hamman of Tavares, Fla., and Doris Hatfield of Eustis, Fla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Kendallville.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church, with Pastor David Wilson of Angola officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

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Courtney Johnson

HUDSON — Courtney F. Johnson, 86, of Lafayette, died at 9:15 p.m. Friday in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born in Seymour on June 12, 1910, to Joel and Stella (Smith) Johnson. On Nov. 27, 1929, in Lafayette, he married Essie Phillips. She died Nov. 4, 1985.

He retired from Alcoa Aluminum Co. in Lafayette in 1975 after 35 years. He was a member of Alcoa Aluminum's 25 Year Club.

Surviving are three sons, Dale Johnson of Hudson and Dennis Hudson and Roscoe Hudson, both of Lafayette; two daughters, Phyllis Bower and Marie Cowgill, both of Lafayette; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, daughter and grandson.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hahn Funeral Home, Lafayette, with the Rev. Ed Summerfield officiating. Burial will be in Greenbush Cemetery, Lafayette.

Calling is at the funeral home from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Arrangements are being made by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Elizabeth Pope

HAMILTON — Elizabeth A. "Betty" Pope, 78, died Sunday at 5:20 p.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was a bookkeeper for S.S. Kresge Co in Lima, Ohio, and formerly lived on Hamilton Lake. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola, and the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Mrs. Pope was born April 12, 1918, in Ottawa, Ohio, to the late John and Minnie (Hermiller) Kreinbrink.

She married Robert Pope on Aug. 23, 1941, in Ottawa, and he died Feb. 24, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara (Mrs. Ted) Longmeyer of Lima, Ohio, and Sue (Mrs. Tim) Finn of Hamilton; one sister, Helen O'Rourke of Ottawa; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, John and Robert, and one sister, Bonnie Jenkins.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A prayer service will be conducted Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola. Burial will take place Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Gethsemane Cemetery, Lima.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church, Carlin Park Health Care Center, or the Alzheimer's Support Group of Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Allen R. Nelson, 66, died Sunday. Services at noon Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

KENDALLVILLE — Helen E. Gould, 86, died Saturday. Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — Daniel T. Schmucker, 54, co-owner of The Town Square Restaurant, Howe, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Indiana time Tuesday at Christian Fellowship Church, Sturgis, Mich. Calling from 4-8 p.m. today at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

WARSAW — Raymond Lackey, 67, died Friday. Services were at 11 a.m. today in Syracuse.

WOLCOTTVILLE — I. Dean Boyle, 52, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Church of God, LaGrange. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WOLF LAKE — Robert C. Collinsworth, 83, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Pearl Landis

ORLAND — Pearl V. Landis, 99, died Sunday at 10:15 p.m. in Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Orland American Legion Auxiliary, Millgrove Modern Homemakers Club and Orland Congregational Church.

She was born Sept. 22, 1897, in Angola to Harvey and Emma (Locke) Johnson. She married Estle Landis. He preceded her in death in 1977.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lincoln (Lois) Booth of Orland, and Mrs. Robert (Troas) Chapin of Norwalk, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, six stepgreat grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; and one great-great-great grandchild.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Orland Congregational Church.

Daniel Luce

PERU, Ind. — Daniel Luce Sr., 66, died Sunday at 4:40 p.m. in Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He formerly lived in Garrett for 15 years and was retired from Magnavox Corp. in Garrett with 20 years of service. He was a retired veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in Korea and Vietnam.

Mr. Luce was born June 24, 1930, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., to the late Dolphus and Edna Marie (Mitchell) Luce.

He married Marguerite Pollard on April 16, 1951, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Daniel Luce Jr. of Lafayette; one brother, Todd of Bushkill, Pa.; two grandchildren, Christopher Luce of Lafayette and Angela Metzger of Delphi; and three great-grandchildren; Ashley Metzger of Delphi, and Kristopher Luce and Bailey Luce, both of Lafayette.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

There will be no calling hours and private services will be held.

Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, is in charge of arrangements.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, or to the family for the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation.

Richard Frick

KENDALLVILLE — Richard G. Frick, 81, of Kendallville died Monday at 10:05 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 15, 1915, in Wolcottville to George and Ethel (Fisher) Frick. On Oct. 2, 1949, in Corunna, he married Mable Krehl, who survives.

He retired from Flint & Walling in Kendallville in 1980 after 37 1/2 years of employment as a machinist. Also, he was a farmer. He moved to Kendallville from Corunna in 1993.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, where he held many church offices, and was also a member of the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers union for nearly 50 years.

Surviving are two sons, David Frick of Portland, Mich., and Dennis Frick of Indianapolis; one daughter-in-law, Crystal Francis of Indianapolis; two brothers, Howard Frick of Sturgis, Mich., and William Frick of Spokane, Wash., and two grandchildren, Julia Diane Frick and John George Frick Francis, both of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by one son, Terry Frick, in 1960, and one sister, Mary Bell, in 1911.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation is at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and at the church one hour before services Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare Home Health or the church.

Elizabeth Seltenright

AUBURN — Elizabeth Kate Seltenright, 3 months old, died Friday about 3 p.m.

She was born July 15, 1996, in Auburn to William B. and Mary E. (Ueber) Seltenright. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are three brothers, Joshua D., Grant W. and Will N., all at home; her grandparents, Ima June Seltenright of Angola and Paul and Sally Ueber of Wolcottville; and her great-grandmother, Majel Moughler of Uniondale.

A Mass of the Angels was celebrated today at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Father Ray Balzer and Father Richard Hire officiated. Burial took place in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Courtney Johnson

HUDSON — Courtney F. Johnson, 86, of Lafayette, died at 9:15 p.m. Friday in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born in Seymour on June 12, 1910, to Joel and Stella (Smith) Johnson. On Nov. 27, 1929, in Lafayette, he married Essie Phillips. She died Nov. 4, 1985.

He retired from Alcoa Aluminum Co. in Lafayette in 1975 after 35 years. He was a member of Alcoa Aluminum's 25 Year Club.

Surviving are three sons, Dale Johnson of Hudson and Dennis Johnson and Roscoe Johnson, both of Lafayette; two daughters, Phyllis Bower and Marie Cowgill, both of Lafayette; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, daughter and grandson.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hahn Funeral Home, Lafayette, with the Rev. Ed Summerfield officiating. Burial will be in Greenbush Cemetery, Lafayette.

Calling is at the funeral home from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Arrangements were made by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Lester H. Thomas, 95, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

HOWE — Michael G. Damer, 48, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brighton Chapel Church, Brighton. Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — Vera L. Gale, 97, died Sunday in Kingston Health Care Center, Ligonier. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Allen Willits

ANGOLA — Allen E. Willits, 88, died Monday at 11:53 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was associated with Booth-Rose Real Estate. He retired in 1973 as the owner of James Real Estate Service.

He was born Jan. 21, 1908, in Noble County. His father was Frank Willits and his mother's name is not known.

On Dec. 26, 1966, he married Verna (Smitty) Willits. She survives him.

He is also survived by two stepsons, Jerry Smith of Warsaw, and Jack Smith of Pierceton; one stepdaughter, Charlotte Werstler of Warsaw; one brother, Dwight Willits of Albion; one sister, Dorothy Wible of Muncie; nine stepgrandchildren and 11 great-stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Glen.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. James Lantz will officiate. His body will be cremated in the Lindenwood Crematory, Fort Wayne, and buried in Lindenwood Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Fund.

Roy Rodgers

FREMONT — Roy L. Rodgers, 54, died Monday at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He owned and operated Rodgers and Sons Trucking until 1982 and was a member of the Fremont post of the American Legion.

He was born July 29, 1942, in Gary to Burl and Harriet (Hutchins) Rodgers.

On Feb. 14, 1982, he married Patricia (Allemeier) Rodgers. She survives him.

He also is survived by two sons, Jim of Quincy, Mich., and Brent of Burr Oak, Mich.; two brothers, Vern of Colon, Mich., and Dale of Coldwater, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Jason, Jennifer and Jessica.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy Rodgers Jr., a brother and his parents.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. The Rev. Don Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Rodgers family.

Max Doub

BUTLER — Max Doub, 74, died Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Betty Wheeler

AUBURN — Betty L. Wheeler, 68, died today at 6 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Ruby Everetts

BUTLER — Ruby Everetts, 82, died Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Everetts was a homemaker and a lifelong Butler resident. She was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

She was born May 8, 1914, in Butler to the late George and Mary (Schoup) Camp.

She married F. Earl Everetts on Feb. 18, 1931, in the DeKalb County Courthouse in Auburn, and he died Oct. 10, 1975.

Surviving are one son, Dean Allen Everetts of Hamilton; four daughters, Janice Sue Ervin of Bryan, Ohio, Darlene Beard and Vica Moore, both of Butler, and Sheryl Lehner of Waterloo; one sister, Vica Keesler of Butler; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Delmer Eugene Everetts; one daughter, Carolyn Everetts; three brothers, Forrest, Elvin and Robert Camp; and one sister, Doretha Warner.

Friends may call Thursday from noon-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Friday at 1 p.m. in the Butler Church of the Nazarene, with calling at the church

after 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Jessie M. Harter**, 85, died unexpectedly Tuesday at her Churubusco residence. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-9 p.m. Thursday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Carl S. Horn**, 48, died Tuesday morning at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Opal Stafford

AUBURN — Opal Stafford, 77, died Wednesday at 11:55 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

William Monroe

SYRACUSE — William E. Monroe, 69, died Monday at 3:14 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a mechanical engineer and president of Monroe Enterprises of Syracuse. His summer residence was on Lake Wawasee for many years, and he moved there permanently in 1978 from South Bend. He graduated from Purdue University in 1952 and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in North Webster, Tippecanoe Country Club, Society of Automotive Engineers, and American Legion Post 253 of North Webster.

Mr. Monroe was born April 18, 1927, in St. Joe to the late Vernie and Agnes (Sechler) Monroe.

He married Betty J. Sherrick on Nov. 24, 1948, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis of Minneapolis, Minn., and Tom of Grand Blanc, Mich.; one sister, Nancy Smith of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

One brother, James, preceded him in death.

Services were conducted today at 10:30 a.m. in Calvary Lutheran Church, Cromwell, with Pastor Raymond Mueller officiating. Burial was in McClintic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church building fund.

Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse, was in charge of arrangements.

Max Doub

BUTLER — Max H. Doub, 74, died Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, following heart surgery.

He retired from Dana Corp., Spicer Clutch Division, Auburn, in 1987 after 45 years of service. He also was a farmer.

He was a member of the Newville Church of Christ, where he was a past elder and teacher. He also was a member of the St. Joe Lions Club and Masonic Lodge in Butler.

He attended schools in Newville Township, Elkhart County, and Paulding County, Ohio, before graduating from Antwerp High School in 1940. He was a member of the football team, which was undefeated, had no ties, and was not scored upon.

Mr. Doub was born Aug. 21, 1922, in Scipio Township, Allen County, to the late Claron Doub and Alta (Perry) Doub, later Platter.

He married Garnet Pauline Koeppel on May 29, 1942, in the Butler Church of Christ parsonage in a double wedding with Arden "Tim" Inlow and Delores Keener. The couples celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries together 50 years later.

Surviving are two children, Terry Doub of Forney, Texas, and Linda Wilder of Auburn; four grandchildren, Carey Doub, Ingrid Squier, Jonathan Wilder and Matthew Wilder; two great-grandchildren, Kyle Doub and Shelby Squier; one sister, Evelyn Huff of Butler; a half-brother, Michael Doub of Middlebury; and two stepmothers, Romaine Doub Boyer of Elkhart and Mary Platter of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Loyal; a half-sister, Roma Chaplain; and a stepfather, Lyle Platter.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Newville Church of Christ, with calling at the church after 10 a.m. Pastors John Amstutz and Harry Farrer will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Newville.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Newville Church of Christ.

Robert Cook

AUBURN — Robert P. Cook, 80, died today at 9:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had resided since 1989.

Mr. Cook served as manager at Greenhurst Country Club from 1964 until his retirement in 1977. He formerly lived on East Third Street, Auburn.

He was a 1933 graduate of Auburn High School and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born Nov. 27, 1915, in Leipsic, Ohio, to the late Paul F. and Mable O. (Bassett) Cook.

He married Joan H. Swartz on Oct. 9, 1937, in Auburn and she died March 26, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Jack W. and Thomas P., both of Auburn; a half-brother, Scott Wyatt of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Sarah Roemke of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 5-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 11 a.m. Father Richard Urbine will officiate, with burial in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Catholic Cemetery Fund, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Robert McCullough

GARRETT — Robert W. McCullough, 72, died Thursday at 4 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor.

He had been a signal operator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 10 years and lived in Garrett. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 19, 1924, in Auburn to the late John A. and Lelah (Winn) McCullough.

Surviving are one son, Randy of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Cathy Wells of Garrett; one sister, Betty Lewis of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and 16 grandchildren; and a second family, Keith Robbins and Cindy Warner, both of Auburn, and Jackie Baker and Crystal Hollinger, both of Garrett.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Hospice.

Betty Wheeler

AUBURN — Betty L. Wheeler, 68, died Wednesday at 5 a.m. in her Auburn home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wheeler was born Dec. 28, 1927, in Auburn to the late Robert and Ada (Gray) Daub.

She married George Wheeler on June 27, 1946, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Larry of Spencerville; one daughter, Louann Nommay of Elkhart; one brother, Calvin Daub of Auburn; one sister, Chris Madden of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

One brother, Paul Daub, preceded her in death.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Friday at

11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Parkinson's Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Opal Stafford

AUBURN — Opal C. Stafford, 77, died Wednesday at 11:55 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Stafford retired from Messenger Corp., Auburn, in 1984 with 24 years of service. She graduated from Ashley High School in 1937. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

She was born Dec. 2, 1918, in Elkhart to the late Boyd and Grace (Stofer) Himes.

She married Paul L. Stafford on June 28, 1947, and he died Dec. 11, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Douglas T. and David A., both of Auburn; one daughter, Darlene K. Casto of Butler; one sister, Ruby A. Nelson of Crossville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

One brother, Delvin Himes, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with calling at the church after 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul Burrus, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial gifts may be given to the church.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert McCullough

GARRETT — Robert W. McCullough, 72, died Thursday at 4 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor.

He had been a signal operator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 10 years and lived in Garrett. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 19, 1924, in Auburn to the late John A. and Lelah (Winn) McCullough.

Surviving are one son, Randy of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Cathy Wells of Garrett; one sister, Betty Lewis of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and a second family, Keith Robbins and Cindy Warner, both of Auburn, and Jackie Baker and Crystal Hollinger, both of Garrett.

One daughter, Deborah Neukom, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Delbert L. "Sam" Haag, 71, died at 11:08 p.m. Wednesday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Ind. 9, north of Howe. Services are at 1 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

ALBION — Mildred O. Parker, a former Albion resident, 79, died Thursday in her residence in Fort Wayne. Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday in Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling is from 2-9 p.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and in church one hour before services Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — Vera M. Mapes, 87, died Wednesday. Services are at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

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Area Deaths

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AVILLA — **Harry A. Clouse**, 79, died at 3:40 p.m. Friday at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Betty J. Dreibelbis**, 52, was found dead at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at her home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Calvary Temple Worship Center, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

ALBION — **Doyle D. Lung**, 59, of Albion, died at 12:30 a.m. Friday at his residence. Memorial services will be at Albion Eagles Lodge 2455 at a later date. No calling hours. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Richard G. Frick**, 81, of Kendallville, who died Monday, were Thursday morning at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial was in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pallbearers included Neil Prentice, Walter Hartman, Norman Krehl, Roger Woodcock, Harold Pankop and Ed Seattler.

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Deaths/Funerals

Yvetti Livergood

WATERLOO — Yvetti Mae Livergood, 16, died Saturday about 11 p.m. at the scene of an automobile accident on County Road 56 near Auburn.

Miss Livergood was a freshman at DeKalb High School and attended Calvary Chapel of Waterloo. She lived on West Walnut Street in Waterloo.

She was born Feb. 23, 1980, in Auburn to Danny and Mary (Cooper) Livergood. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are one brother, Troy of Waterloo; two sisters, Felisha Cooper of Butler and Tanya Livergood of Ashley; and her grandparents, Alton and Kay Cooper of Piqua, Ohio, and Pauline Livergood of Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family, in care of Danny and Mary Livergood, 750 W. Walnut St., Waterloo IN 46793.



Livergood

Robert Muesing

KENDALLVILLE — Robert W. Muesing, 69, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 11:55 a.m. Saturday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. Mr. Muesing, who was named Citizen of the Year in 1988 by the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, was applauded for his decades of leadership in his profession, church and community.

He was born in Kendallville on March 7, 1927, to Edward and Julia (Hass) Muesing. On June 15, 1947, in Avilla, he married Rebecca J. Kimmel. She survives.

Mr. Muesing, a longtime farmer, retired in 1992. He was a member of the first board of directors of the Cole Center Family YMCA and had been a 4-H leader for a number of years. He was also involved in the Noble County Community Fair, serving as the swine superintendent for 14 years and president of the Noble County Fair Corp.

He was supervisor of the Noble County Soil and Water Conservation District for which he served as chairman for three years. He also

held the offices of district president and secretary of the state board of directors for three years.

In addition, Mr. Muesing served on the Noble County Agriculture Stabilization & Conservation Service (ASCS) committee.

Highly involved in the local horticulture judging teams for many years, he coached 16 state championship teams and six national teams and served on the contest committee of the National Junior Horticulture Association. Only recently he judged an area county garden and horticulture exhibit.

Mr. Muesing was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where he had been an usher for many years. He was a member of the Church Council, chairman of the Board of Elders, council secretary, chairman of the Board of Evangelism and chairman of the congregation.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Michael (Barbara) Wert, Nancy Rogers and Mary Beth Stevens, all of Kendallville, and Mrs. Kent (Natalie) Dilling of Springfield, Ill.; two sisters, Margaret Griffin of Garrett, and Eleanor Schuman of Corunna; 11 grandchildren, Elizabeth Dielman, Carrie Wert, Kyle Wert, Amanda McCormick, Nolan Stevens, Katie Dilling, Travis Dilling, Tye Dilling, Kim Rogers, Kelly Wallen and Tim Rogers; and five great-grandchildren, Derek Dielman, Linsey Dielman, Samantha Wallen, Jessica Wallen and Zachary Gamble.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 4-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or St. John Lutheran School.

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Mildred Tieman

ROME CITY — Mildred "Ilene" Tieman, 66, of Rome City, died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health two months.

She was born in Columbia City Jan. 16, 1930, to Therring and Nola (Richman) Mullendore. On Aug. 2, 1947, in Elkhart, she married Richard Tieman. He survives.

Mrs. Tieman, a real estate broker, retired in 1978. She was a past member of the Fort Wayne Board of Realtors.

Surviving are a son, Steven Tieman of Butler; four grandchildren, Steven Tieman, Laura Rollins and Shelly Diehl, all of Butler, and Christina Huff of Spencerville; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert A. Raschka officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Kendallville.

Clara Rowe

ANGOLA — Clara E. Rowe, 103, of Angola, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

She was born in Hartford City, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1893, to Charles and Martha (Medley) Ladd. On April 26, 1922, in Hudson, she married John A. Rowe. He preceded her in death March 7, 1974.

Mrs. Rowe, formerly of Hudson, was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty Pike Casey of Angola, and Patricia Leamaster of Middleton, Idaho; two sons, Robert Rowe of Engle, Idaho, and Neal Rowe of Boise, Idaho; a brother, Irvin Ladd of Avon, S.D.; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held Saturday with the Rev. Willard Souder officiating. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake.

Preferred memorials are to Gideons International.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Harry A. Clouse**, 79, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

ALBION — **Doyle D. Lung**, 59, died Friday. Memorial services will be later in Albion Eagles Lodge. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Estella Parish**, 97, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **James L. Hayes**, 47, died Sunday. Services Thursday in Hindman Funeral Service, Hindman, Ky. Calling 5-8 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

ROME CITY — **Wallace Ray Ritchie**, 61, died Friday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

ROME CITY — **Mildred "Ilene" Tieman**, 66, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Thais LaRue

GARRETT — Thais L. LaRue, 82, of Garrett, died Sunday at 11:50 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. LaRue had been a third- and fifth-grade teacher at J.E. Ober Elementary School, Garrett, for 12 years, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the American Mothers and was named Indiana's Mother of the Year in 1986.

She had a radio program at a young age in Phoenix, Ariz., and was a concert pianist. She taught piano for 30 years and was a choir director and church organist for many years. She was a member of Tri-Kappa and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Aug. 31, 1914, in Garrett, to Thomas C. and Ida (VanZile) Cobler, who are deceased.

On April 12, 1936, she married Ross P. LaRue in Garrett. He died March 2, 1984.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol Snyder of South Bend; two sons, Alan LaRue of Salem, Ill., and Mark LaRue of Cape Coral, Fla.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A brother, Oakley Cobler, and four sisters, Lois Cobler, Esther Lockhart, Florence Baker and Elva Anderson, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Christian Union

Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Alberta High

BLUFFTON — Alberta Marie High, 69, of Bluffton, died Monday in Wells Community Hospital, Bluffton.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Wells Community Hospital Auxiliary.

She was born July 3, 1927, in Fort Wayne to William M. and Sadie F. (Parson) Waggoner, who are deceased.

On Sept. 4, 1947, she married Paul M. High in Fort Wayne. He died April 2, 1993.

She is survived by two daughters, Elaine Aeschliman of Auburn and Melody Bruick of Columbia City; a son, Jeffrie High of Bluffton; and four grandchildren.

Private services will be conducted Wednesday. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Murray Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wells Community Home Health Care.

Lela Weaver

GARRETT — Lela E. Weaver, 88, died Sunday at 6:30 a.m. in the Lutheran Home at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Weaver was a Garrett resident before moving to Fort Wayne in 1978. She worked as a secretary at Stanadyne Distribution Division in Garrett for 10 years. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women and Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 2, 1908, in Garrett to Mamie and George VanHouten.

She married Earl J. "Ding" Weaver on Dec. 14, 1939, in Garrett, and he died March 1, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Weaver of Angola; a brother, Howard VanHouten of Gualala, Calif.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, George and Austen VanHouten, and two sisters, Alice Knapp and Mildred Coleman.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Bill Dunfee officiating.

There will be no calling. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Harley J. Hochstetler, 74, died at 6 p.m. Monday. Funeral services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Allen A. Bontrager residence, 3065N — 250W, LaGrange. Visitation is after 6 p.m. today and all day Wednesday in the family home, 250W — 350N, LaGrange.

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Deaths/Funerals

Wayne Warstler

AUBURN — Wayne E. Warstler, 70, died Tuesday at 6:58 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Warstler was a truck driver for Harris Kayot Trucking Co., Fort Wayne, for 27 years, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97. He lived on Superior Drive in Auburn.

He was born Nov. 28, 1925, in DeKalb County to the late Arthur H. and Gladys E. (Carper) Warstler.

He married Joan D. Rimmel on Aug. 10, 1963, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry of Butler, Kenneth of Dayton, Ohio, and Tony of St. Joe; two daughters, Diane E. Renfrow of Auburn and Linda E. Maldenney of Corunna; two stepsons, Jeff Buchanan of Auburn and Jim Buchanan of Avilla; one stepdaughter, Jennifer Pranger of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald L. and Wesley D., both of Auburn; two sisters, June Bassett and Elaine Bice, both of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, one sister, and two grandsons preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rodney Buzzard of Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with graveside military services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Donald Immel

AUBURN — Donald U. Immel, 61, died Sunday at his Auburn residence.

Mr. Immel lived most of his life in Auburn and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a retired Ball State University art professor and a former teacher

in Angola and West Milton, Ohio.

He was born Feb. 9, 1935, in Ashley to Alton E. and Audrey M. (Tuttle) Immel, who are deceased.

He is survived by three sons, Brian J. of Muncie, and Corey L. and Daniel W., both of Auburn; two daughters, Dawn E. Immel of Dalton, Ga., and Barbara A. Immel of Wolcottville; and a granddaughter, Auddrianna Deam.

There will be no calling or funeral services. Burial will take place at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Corey Immel. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Gilbert Ellert

WATERLOO — Gilbert Ingatius Ellert, 75, died Tuesday at 5:55 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ellert worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 17 years, retiring in 1983, and was a lifetime farmer. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. He lived on County Road 10, in rural Waterloo.

He was born Feb. 2, 1921, in DeKalb County to the late Anthony and Margaret (Blomeke) Ellert.

He married Betty Smith on Jan. 24, 1953, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger of Waterloo and James of Auburn; one daughter, Lorie Ellert of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Anthony of Avilla and Herman of Waterloo; one sister, Marguerite Harter of Angola; and two grandsons, Michael and Tyler Ellert.

Two brothers, Harold "Shorty" Ellert and Augustine Ellert, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Robert I. Carney, 78, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Barbara Brown

CEDAR LAKE — Barbara Ann Brown, 75, died Tuesday at her home in Cedar Lake, in northwestern Indiana.

Mrs. Brown was a librarian and a member of the United Methodist Church in Roselawn, and the Golden Oldies of Cedar Lake.

She was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Garrett to the late John M. and Florence M. (Heitz) Freeze.

She married the Rev. Kenneth C. Brown and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kennetha Brown of Cedar Lake; two brothers, John M. Freeze and Ronald Freeze, both of Garrett; two sisters, Lois Best of Indianapolis and LeAnna Friend of Auburn; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Eller-Brady Funeral Home, Cedar Lake.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. at Cedar Lake United Methodist Church, with Dr. Thomas C. Rough officiating. Burial will be in the German Methodist Cemetery, Cedar Lake.

Thomas Shaffer

GARRETT — Thomas C. Shaffer, 50, died Wednesday at 4:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shaffer was a welder at H&H Implement, Hometown, for the past three years. He lived on West 2nd St. in Garrett.

He was born April 18, 1946, in Garrett to Lewis and Alice (Church) Shaffer. His mother survives in Garrett and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are two sons, Jon Shaffer of Garrett and Tony Sampson of Arlington, Texas; two daughters, Missy Dowud of Garland, Texas, and Chrissy Gonzolis of Arlington, Texas; four brothers, Leonard of Auburn, Gaylord and Blain, both of Alamosa, Colo., and Michael of Columbia City; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John McFarland of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Myrtle Osborn

STROH — Myrtle Virginia Osborn, 70, of Stroh, died at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She had been ill seven years.

She was born May 19, 1926, in Milo, Ky., to Leon and Virgie (Preston) Fannin. On Sept. 4, 1943, in Pike County, Ky., she married Forest W. Osborn. He survives.

Mrs. Osborn moved to Corunna from Kentucky and to the Stroh area 23 years ago. She was a homemaker

and member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Solita Christian of Corunna; four sons, Paul W. Osborn of Kendallville, Loyde Osborn of Stroh, Benny Osborn of Greenup, Ky., and Tony Osborn of South Milford; a sister, Juanita Osborn of Greenup; a half-brother, Arthur Fannin of Louisa, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Osborn family.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Joseph G. Campbell, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

HOWE — Gladys M. Hornbaker, 84, of Howe, died Wednesday. Private services will be later. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — Howard W. Miller, 79, died at 8:23 a.m. Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla. Calling 4-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

June Swander

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — June M. Swander, 73, died Oct. 16 in Punta Gorda, Fla.

She was a mail clerk at the Fort Wayne Post Office, and lived in Punta Gorda.

Miss Swander was born Dec. 24, 1922, in Auburn to the late Wilbur and Gertrude (Maurer) Swander.

Surviving are one brother, Gerald Swander of Ogden, Utah; and three sisters, Winifred Peters and Garnet Dirr, both of Garrett, and Florine Strong of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Wilbur E. Swander Jr., and two sisters, Beverly Parker and Marcille Swander.

Private memorial services were held at Lindenwood Chapel, Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. There is no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Alice Alday

ORLAND — Alice Alday, 90, died at 7:43 p.m. Thursday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She retired in 1971 from Douglas Manufacturing, Bronson, Mich., and was a member of the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born June 18, 1906, in Dunn, Ill., to William O. and Eliza (Shipman) Richardson. She was married to Donald Alday, who preceded her in death in 1948.

She is survived by one son, William Alday of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Homer (Bernadette) Sutton of Orland; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Cupidell Statler.

Friends may visit from 4-9 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m.

Monday in Orland United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carl Lott will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Orland United Methodist Church or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Edward Hauke

ANGOLA — Edward F. Hauke, 68, of Angola, died at 8:55 p.m. Thursday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Hauke was a car salesman for Angola Ford and an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Oct. 24, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Edward H. and Alma (Koenig) Hauke, who preceded him in death.

On Feb. 17, 1983, he married Shirlee (Street) Hauke, who survives. Also surviving are a stepson; Bernard Vix of Wheaton, Ill.; a stepdaughter, Sandy Matthias of Angola; a brother, Carl Hauke of

Bloomfield; and two sisters, Ruth Schafenacker and Lucile Hall, both of Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or visitation. Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Humane Shelter. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home.

Deaths/Funerals

Lavern Rafine

AUBURN — Lavern Rafine, 72, died Sunday at 3:20 p.m. in her Auburn home.

She was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 3, 1923, in Fort Wayne to the late Paul and Olive (Jackson) Furnish.

She married David Rafine on March 11, 1944, in Fort Wayne, and he died Aug. 23, 1986.

Surviving are one son, Bud L. of Auburn; two daughters, Linda M. Van Zile of Auburn and Debra A. Shaw of Angola; one brother, Lavon Furnish of Lake Gage, Angola; three sisters, Rosemond Northrup and Jean Bailey, both of Auburn, and Doris Yoder of Leo; and four grandchildren, Stacy Van Zile Scranage, Michelle Rafine, Richard Rafine and Ronald Rafine.

One son, Ronald, and one sister, Marcella Brown, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

No services will be held. A private burial service for the family will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date.

Vera Miller

ANGOLA — Vera J. Miller, 96, died Friday at 1:07 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born July 2, 1900, in Flint to Justin and Pearl (Arnold) Lounsbury.

On Dec. 25, 1919, she married Jack D. Miller, and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death May 13, 1980.

She is survived by three sons, Gerald of Angola and Avon Park, Fla., and Jack and Shirley, both of Angola; three daughters, Geraldine Rowe of Angola, LaDonna Haskins of Okeechobee, Fla., and Twilith Wray of Fort Wayne; one sister, Beulah Snyder of Angola; 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Willidene Miller, on Nov. 4, 1991.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Jenifer Magee

PEPPERELL, Mass. — Jenifer E. Magee, 38, died Friday evening in her home in Pepperell, Mass.

She had been an administrative secretary at the Social Security office in Lawrence, Mass., and previously worked at the Newburyport Bank. She also had been a telephone operator with the New England Telephone Co.

She was a graduate of Pentucket Regional High School in 1976 and of the Barbizon School of Modeling in Boston in 1989. She was an active member of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Merrimac, Mass., where she taught Sunday School. She also coached for the Girls Softball League in Merrimac.

Mrs. Magee was born in Auburn to Olive E. (Sullivan) West and Clifford H. West. Her mother survives in Merrimac and her father, a former police chief of Auburn, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, David F.; two sons, Michael R. Marchand of Amherst, Mass., and Robert S. Wesson of Pepperell; one daughter, Amy M. Trzcienski of Lowell, Mass.; a stepdaughter, Crissy Wesson of Durham, N.H.; two brothers, Jonathan C. West of Merrimac and Clifford H. Murray of Glendale, Ariz.; one sister, Abigail A. Cyr of Merrimac; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Paul C. Rogers & Sons Funeral Home, 36 W. Main St., Merrimac.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Pilgrim Congregational Church, Merrimac, with burial in Locust Grove Cemetery, Merrimac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mass General Cancer Research, in care of Mass General Hospital, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114.

Ethel Royal

FORT WAYNE — Ethel J. Royal, 89, died Sunday at 6:35 a.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she had lived for three years.

She worked as a registered nurse for 40 years in various hospitals in Chicago and New York City, retiring in 1970. She was a second lieutenant in World War II, serving as an Army nurse in Japan. She was a graduate of the Gary School of Nursing. She lived in Fort Wayne from 1970 to 1986.

She was born April 7, 1907, in New Bavaria, Ohio, to the late Adam and Emma (Noirot) Royal.

Surviving are two sisters, Viola Hamman of Waterloo and Agnes N. Welly of Garrett.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. at the church. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate, with burial in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the organ fund at the church.

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Mildred Richardson

ANGOLA — Mildred P. Richardson, 90, died Friday at 9:22 a.m. in Meadowhaven Healthcare Center, Butler.

She was born Feb. 21, 1906, in Angola to Ervin and Myrtle (Thompson) Morrison. She married Henry B. Richardson and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on March 18, 1971.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiated. Burial was in Sowle Settlement Cemetery, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Mary Jane Halter**, 81, died Friday. Memorial services were today in Cedarville.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Paul L. Smith**, 87, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

NEW HAVEN — **William M. Carpenter**, 55, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Clyde Van Auken

ANGOLA — Clyde Van Auken, 89, died Friday at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he was a farmer. He also was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

He was born July 25, 1907 in Steuben County to Frank and Nettie (Ritter) Van Auken.

In 1946 he married Velma (Ulmer) Van Auken. She preceded him in death Sept. 24, 1976.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Wilma Gilbert of Angola.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Van Auken, and a sister, Eva Meyers.

Graveside services were conducted this morning at Pleasant Lake Cemetery. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiated.

Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Anna Kilburn

ANGOLA — Anna M. Kilburn, 96, died at 2:38 p.m. Saturday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker and a member of York United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1900, in Williams County, Ohio, to Fred and Myrtle (Draper) Thompson. She married Rolland Kilburn, who preceded her in death in 1985.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Rosalee) Reade of Angola; two granddaughters, Mrs. David (Angela) Diehl and Carrie Reade, both of Angola; and two great-grandsons, Tyler and Michael.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to York United Methodist Church.

Bernice McCurdy

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Bernice L. McCurdy, 85, died Friday at 4:45 p.m. in Evergreen Lane Care Center at Defiance, Ohio. She had been a resident there since June 1995.

Mrs. McCurdy had worked at the Hicksville A&P Store, Mentzer 5 & 10, and Hicksville Bank, from which she retired in early 1970. She formerly lived on West Edgerton Street in Hicksville.

She was a 1929 graduate of Hicksville High School, and a member of Hicksville Eastern Star and Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church.

She was born March 4, 1911, in Hicksville to the late Edward and Latha Zuber Rex.

She married Fordice McCurdy in 1935 in Auburn, and he died July 7, 1973.

Surviving are one son, Larry of Defiance; one sister, Vera Hook of St. Joe; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Eastern Star services will be conducted tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Services will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church. The Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Minnie Gump

GARRETT — Minnie L. Gump, 102, died Monday at 6:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 23, 1893, in Fairfield Center, DeKalb County, to August and Augusta (Lohrman) Kuchuck. She married Forrest Gump in South Bend on March 12, 1932. He preceded her in death Aug. 30, 1988.

Mrs. Gump was a retired school teacher in Fairfield Township and Ashley schools for 16 years and was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the First Church of Christ or to the donor's choice.

Ruth Brown

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ruth Brown, 95, died Monday at noon at her South Bryan Street home in Hicksville.

She had worked as a cook at the Yellowstone Restaurant in Hicksville for over 17 years. She attended the Hicksville Assembly of God church and was a member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She had lived in Hicksville for 59 years.

Mrs. Brown was born April 16, 1901, in Lower Creek, W.Va., to the late Charles and Nancy (Knight) McComas.

She married William Brown on July 14, 1924, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died in December 1963.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Hoover of Spencerville and Martha Warner of Auburn; 21 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, two

stepgreat-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, William and Charles; two daughters, Nan Etta Mansfield and Eldora Bigger, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two brothers and seven sisters.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dana Ballinger, pastor of Hicksville Assembly of God church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to SpectraCare of DeKalb County, Auburn.

Lavern Rafine

AUBURN — Lavern Rafine, 72, died Sunday at 3:20 p.m. in her Auburn home.

She was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 3, 1923, in Fort Wayne to the late Paul and Olive (Jackson) Furnish.

She married David Rafine on March 11, 1944, in Fort Wayne, and he died Aug. 23, 1986.

Surviving are one son, Bud L. of Auburn; two daughters, Linda M. Van Zile of Auburn and Debra A. Shaw of Angola; one brother, Lavon Furnish of Lake Gage, Angola; three sisters, Rosemond Northrup and Jean Bailey, both of Auburn, and Doris Yoder of Leo; four grandchildren, Stacy Van Zile Scranage, Michelle Rafine, Richard Rafine and Ronald Rafine; and three great-grandchildren.

One son, Ronald, and one sister, Marcella Brown, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

No services will be held. A private burial service for the family will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice or

American Brain Tumor Association.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Alfred E. Brooke, 82, died Sunday. Services were today in Jasper.

LAGRANGE — Grace Lucile Wirick, 83, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Evelyn Schweigel

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn D. Schweigel, 64, of Churubusco and formerly of LaOtto, died at 5:29 a.m. today in her residence. Although she had been in declining health, her death was unexpected.

Among her survivors are her husband, Ted L. Schweigel Sr.; three sons, Ted Schweigel Jr. of Stryker, Ohio, Timothy Schweigel of St. Joe, and Glen Schweigel of LaOtto; a daughter, Suzanne Schweigel of Angola; and 10 grandchildren.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Gerald (Betty) Gilbertson of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Cole of Auburn, Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Mack of Huntertown, and Mrs. Thomas (Mary Lou) Woodward of Ossian; and two brothers, Charles Baughman of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Larry Baughman of Indianapolis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Gene Campbell

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Gene L. Campbell, 69, died Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Venice Hospital at Venice, Fla.

He was a retired employee of GTE and United Telephone, and formerly lived in Butler before moving to Florida. He was a graduate of Butler High School and a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Forest Lodge 239 of Butler and vice commodore of the North Port Yacht Club in Florida.

Mr. Campbell was born Jan. 15, 1927, in Auburn to the late Leroy and Maude (Bridges) Campbell.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Houck Campbell, of 1011 Clearview Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33953; one son, Bill of Nashville, Tenn.; one sister, Annabelle Bowlers of Sarasota, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Phyllis Campbell of Hicksville, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

One brother, Jack, preceded him in death.

Burial with military graveside services will take place Thursday in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla.

A memorial service will be held Friday in Englewood United Methodist Church, Englewood, Fla.

Memorial donations may be sent to Venice Hospital, 540 Rialto, Venice FL 34285.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of local arrangements.

Elda Herendeen

ALBION — Elda E. Herendeen, 84, of Albion, died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 7, 1912, in Noble County to Homer and Ellen (Diffendarfer) Herendeen. On Oct. 12, 1935, in Albion, he married Edna Snell. She survives.

Mr. Herendeen, a lifetime Noble County resident, was a retired farmer and State of Indiana employee. He was a member of Green Center United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Lois Gray of Albion; a sister, Neva Musselman of Kendallville; three brothers, Gary Herendeen of Green Township, Noble County, Jim Herendeen of Brimfield, and Lawrence Herendeen of Kendallville; two grandsons, Scott Gray and Todd Gray, both of Albion; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Green Center United Methodist Church.

David Frechette

FORT WAYNE — David Paul Frechette, 27, was found dead Sunday in rural Noble County.

Mr. Frechette, a factory worker, was employed by Hendrickson Suspension.

Surviving are his parents, Timothy and Velva Frechette of Danville, Ill.; three brothers, Robert, Ronald and Timothy Frechette, all of Danville; and paternal grandmother Cecile Frechette of Portsmouth, N.H.; and maternal grandparents, William and Mabel McGehee of Danville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave.

Visitation is from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Curtis Terry

KENDALLVILLE — Curtis Terry Sr., 58, of Kendallville, died today at 12:12 a.m. in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville from an apparent heart attack.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary Steward

GARRETT — Mary K. Steward, 82, died today at 6:55 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Steward was a registered nurse and a lifetime Garrett resident. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, its Rosary Society and Harvest House, and DeKalb County Nurses Association.

She was born June 6, 1914, in Garrett to the late Eugene and Estella (Moorehouse) Fogeding.

She married Walter Franklin Steward on May 7, 1937, in Albion and he died Sept. 28, 1957.

Surviving are four sons, Stephen of Grabill, Michael of Garrett, David of Kendallville, and Gregory of Littleton, Colo.; one daughter, Rebecca Claxton of Garrett; one sister, Marguerite Quattlebaum of Arlington, Va.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Richard Urbine officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Ruth Brown

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ruth Brown, 95, died Monday at noon at her South Bryan Street home in Hicksville.

She had worked as a cook at the Yellowstone Restaurant in Hicksville for over 17 years. She attended the Hicksville Assembly of God church and was a member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She had lived in Hicksville for 59 years.

Mrs. Brown was born April 16, 1901, in Lower Creek, W.Va., to the late Charles and Nancy (Knight) McComas.

She married William Brown on July 14, 1924, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died in December 1963.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Hoover of Spencerville and Martha Werner of Auburn; 21 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, William and Charles; two daughters, Nan Etta Mansfield and Eldora Bigger, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two brothers and seven sisters.

Services were conducted today at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to SpectraCare of DeKalb County, Auburn.

Curtis Terry Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Curtis Terry Sr., 58, of Kendallville, died today at 12:12 a.m. in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville from an apparent heart attack.

He was born April 5, 1938, in Knott County, Ky., to John and Ellen (Handshoe) Terry. On April 2, 1960, in Wise, Va., he married Jenetta Shepherd. She survives.

Mr. Terry moved to Kendallville in 1953 from Kentucky. He had worked for Newnam Manufacturing for 43 years.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Curtis Terry Jr. of Kendallville; a stepmother, Delana Roberta Terry of Kendallville; two sisters, Flora Hoover and Dorothy Ramey, both of Kendallville; three brothers, John Arnold Terry and Chester Terry, both of Kendallville, and Rada Terry of Princeton, W.Va.; two stepsisters, Maggie Groh of Kendallville and Edith Conley of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepbrother, Oscar Handshoe of Kendallville; and two grandchildren, Curtis Terry III and Courtney Carol Terry, both of Kendallville;

He was preceded in death by a sister, Laura Ramey.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Heart Association.

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Evening Star

Evelyn Schweigel

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn D. Schweigel, 64, of Churubusco, died at 5:29 a.m. Wednesday in her residence. Although she had been in declining health, her death was unexpected.

She was born May 9, 1932, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Glen E. and Thelma (Sowers) Baughman. On June 16, 1953, she married Ted L. Schweigel Sr. He survives.

Mrs. Schweigel had moved to Fort Wayne as a young girl and was a 1950 graduate of Elmhurst High School. She later had lived in Noble County near LaOtto, and in 1986 moved to Churubusco. She had been employed by Hughes Electronics (formerly Magnavox) in Columbia City since 1985.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Ted Schweigel Jr. of Stryker, Ohio, Timothy Schweigel of St. Joe and Glen E. Schweigel of LaOtto; a daughter, Suzanne Schweigel of Angola; four sisters, Mrs. Gerald (Betty) Gilbertson of Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Cole of Auburn, Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Mack of Hometown, and Mrs. Thomas (Mary Lou) Woodward of Ossian; two brothers, Charles Baughman of Scottsdale, Ariz., and the Rev. Larry Baughman of Indianapolis; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen Baughman Jr. and Bobby Baughman.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Larry Baughman, Mrs. Schweigel's brother, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery,

Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Preferred memorials are to Whitley County EMS Medic 21, Churubusco.

Area Deaths

HARLAN — Viola Gerig, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Amos Gerig residence in New Haven. Calling today and Friday at the residence.

LIGONIER — Mary E. Cunningham, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling from 2-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

DeVota Synesall

WATERLOO — DeVota M. Synesall, 68, died Thursday at 10:50 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Synesall was a secretary in the DeKalb County prosecutor's office for 15 years, retiring in 1990. She lived on County Road 35, Waterloo, and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

She was born Aug. 6, 1928, in Waterloo to the late Albert and Mildred (Deitzen) Bender.

She married Wayne Synesall on Sept. 16, 1950, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Rex of Auburn; two daughters, Lisa Mettler and Lynn Synesall, both of Auburn; one brother, LaVon Bender of Waterloo; and three sisters, Celestine Trapp of Ashley, Rita Hamman of Eloy, Ariz., and Annette Wible of Auburn.

Two daughters, Yvonne and Ann Synesall, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4:30 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 4:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to the American Cancer Society.

Nancy Monroe

VAN WERT, Ohio — Nancy J. Monroe, 68, of Van Wert, died at 5:53 p.m. Thursday at her home.

She had taught at Wren School, Franklin Elementary School and finally at Lincoln Junior High School before retiring.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Van Wert Women's Garden Club, Van Wert TWIG TV group and the YWCA board. She was an active bridge player in several different bridge clubs and had been active for many years in the Van Wert Board of Elections.

She was born July 17, 1928, in Cleveland to Harold E. and Marian E. (Smith) Walters. Both parents preceded her in death.

On June 18, 1949, she married Robert T. "Bud" Monroe. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1996.

She is survived by two sons, Scott (Jaymee) Monroe of Angola, and Lane Monroe of Wolcottville; one daughter, Mrs. Brad (Kim) Doidge of Van Wert, Ohio; one brother, Tim Walters of Mentor, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Cody and Courtney Monroe, and Austin, Blake and Taylor Doidge.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert, Ohio.

Funeral services begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The Rev. Edward Jillson will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

Memorial gifts may be made to Van Wert Area Visiting Nurses or the Visiting Nurses Hospice Program.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Mildred L. Maple, 82, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 7-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Huletta Mae Gilbert, 99, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with calling there 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. today with a memorial service at 8 p.m.

SYRACUSE — Virginia Wolfe Bitner, 78, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse.

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Deaths/Funerals

Frances Lemish

GARRETT — Frances C. Lemish, 79, of Garrett, died Friday at 8:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Lemish was a homemaker and worked in the Garrett High School cafeteria for five years. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Garrett, the Eagles Lodge 1357, Harvest House, the Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella.

She was born Oct. 3, 1917, in Ashley to Frederick P. and Catherine (Karst) Miller, who are deceased. She spent most of her life in Garrett.

On Jan. 27, 1940, she married Bernard C. Lemish in Garrett, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1969.

She is survived by two sons, Paul W. Lemish of Urbana, Ohio, and Alan F. Lemish of Garrett; three daughters, Carol A. Carwile of Auburn, Patricia R. Hochstedler of Greentown, and Nancy L. DePew of Garrett; three brothers, Elden Miller of Gibson City, Ill., Herb Miller of Montpelier, Ohio, and Peter Miller of Ashley; five sisters, Elizabeth Smith of Hillsboro, Ohio, Josephine Riddle of LaBelle, Fla., Mary Ferris of Niceville, Fla., Phyllis Hartman of Angola, and Connie Foley of Elk Grove, Calif.; two stepbrothers, Eugene Piatek and John Piatek, both of Florida; one stepsister, Patty Clark of California; a stepmother, Frances Farrell of California; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Henrietta Goebel, and a stepbrother, Tom Piatek, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Garrett.

Friends may call Monday from 3-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, or one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

A rosary service will be conducted Monday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be made to Masses or the Alzheimer's unit at Sacred Heart Home.

Theodore Weaver

AVILLA — Theodore W. Weaver Sr., 98, died Friday at 5:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Weaver worked as a foreman at a Kroger warehouse for 31 years until he retired in 1963. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

He was born June 9, 1898, to Joseph I. and Mary C. (Meyer) Weaver in Pulaski.

Survivors include four sons, James J. of Inverness, Fla., Richard F. of Murray, Ky., Robert M. of Big Long Lake and Theodore Jr. of Auburn; one daughter, Marie L. France of Butler; one brother, Otto of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ruth Peden of New Haven; 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with Friar Lawrence A. Kramer officiating. Burial will be in St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and one hour before services Tuesday morning at the church. A vigil service will be conducted Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Edith Imhoff

GARRETT — Edith S. Imhoff, 78, died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and had lived in rural Garrett for 22 years.

Mrs. Imhoff was born Aug. 12, 1918, in Winnieconnie, Wis., to Mr. and Mrs. Fredrich Keller.

She married Donald D. Imhoff on Jan. 1, 1946, in West Allis, Wis., and he survives.

Also surviving are one brother, Melvin Keller; and two sisters, Mildred Behling of Cedarburg, Wis., and Phyllis Went of Fond du Lac, Wis.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Jeremy Russell of Zion 16 Lutheran Church, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery.

Bertha Stanton

GARRETT — Bertha L. Stanton, 93, died Friday at 11 p.m. in her North Britton Street home.

She was a homemaker and a former member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 1, 1903, in Montpelier, Ohio, to the late William L. and Anna (Railing) Straub.

She married Walter Dove on April 24, 1920, in Auburn and he died in 1963. She married Glen Stanton in 1971 in Hudson, and he died in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Wanda Tackels of Garrett and Thelma Woodward of Fort Wayne; one son, Howard Dove of Auburn; one stepson, William Stanton of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Deloris Frame and Margaret Cox, both of Fort Wayne; 30 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Freida Hoffman, and 14 brothers and sisters.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Children's Hospital.

Margaret

'Peg' Willms

ORLAND — Margaret L. "Peg" Willms, 68, died Saturday at 12:10 a.m. in her Orland residence after a long illness.

Mrs. Willms was a factory worker and homemaker after returning to the area in 1961. She was a member of the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 12, 1928, in Branch County, Mich., to Perry and Eva (Dawes) Stokes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon F. Willms, in 1987; a daughter, Adena Davis, in 1978; a son, Monte Davis, in 1963; two sisters and two brothers.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Davis of Orland, James Davis of Hayward, Calif., and Michael Eidener of Santa Ana, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Sharon) Johnson of Burr Oak, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Gwen Stokes of Orland; two stepsons, Gordon E. Willms and Larry Willms, both of Orland; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Rolland (Shirley) Coler of Orland and Mrs. Jack (Nancy) Sperry of Orland; 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Home Health Care or to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home.

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Mon., Nov. 4, 1996 (cont'd)

Mary Taylor

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mary M. Taylor, 80, died Saturday at 1:30 a.m. in the Dallas Lamb Foundation in Payne, Ohio, where she had lived for the past four years.

She was a homemaker and a 1934 graduate of Antwerp High School in Antwerp, Ohio. She formerly lived in Southern Hills Apartments in Hicksville.

She was born Jan. 8, 1916, in Antwerp to the late Clarence and Eunice (Snook) Gloor.

Surviving are one son, Robert Cottrell of Antwerp; three daughters, Bev Evans, Betty Stairhime and Linda Humi, all of Hicksville; one sister, Bonnie Sabo of Hicksville; one brother, Jack Gloor of Hicksville; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Rex Gloor and Rudy Gloor; one sister, Wanda Gloor; and one granddaughter.

Friends may call Monday after 2 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Janice Ann McCoy**, 56, died Friday in a car accident in Yorktown, Va. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Churubusco United Methodist Church, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE — **Dorothy C. Ormiston**, 73, died Thursday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

KENDALLVILLE — **Retta L. Geiger**, 86, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there today from 4-7 p.m.

SYRACUSE — **Frank "Joe" Starbuck**, 39, died Friday. Services were today in Antwerp, Ohio.

Deaths/Funerals

Elmer Zollman

KENDALLVILLE — Elmer E. Zollman, 79, of Kendallville, died at 11:55 p.m. Sunday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. He had been in failing health the past two months.

He was born in Kendallville Jan. 12, 1917, to Edgar and Coral Lena (Hayes) Zollman. On Oct. 14, 1940, he married Lois C. Gross. She preceded him in death Nov. 20, 1984.

Mr. Zollman had been a plumbing and heating contractor and retired in 1980. He had been the attendant at the Kendallville Transfer Site since February 1988. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 and Elks Lodge 1194.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Suellen) Ream of Churubusco; two sons, Dean Zollman of Manhattan, Kan., and, Steven Zollman of Corunna; a sister, Eleanor Atkins of Post Falls, Idaho; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Penny Herber

ASHLEY — Penny M. (Lepley) Herber, 45, died at 2:10 a.m. today in her home in Ashley.

She was born in Garrett Sept. 13, 1951, to Ted D. and Violet M. (Rowe) Lepley. Her parents survive in Ashley. She married James Herber and he also survives.

Mrs. Herber was a 1969 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, a

1970 graduate of Ray Vogue School in Chicago, with a degree in merchandising, advertising and modeling; a 1972 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne with a degree in modern office training; a 1976 graduate of Ball State University in Muncie with a degree in business education; a 1980 graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., with a degree in business education; and a 1984 graduate of Indiana University Medical School in Bloomington.

From 1972-73, she was administrative secretary for the superintendent of Lakeland School Corp.; she also worked in the administrative offices of the colleges which she attended; she was a Pink Lady at Bloomington Memorial Hospital and was active in the Bloomington Civic Theatre. In 1995 she opened a day care in Fort Wayne for children, teaching advance students.

Surviving with her parents and husband are a son, John Paul Lepley Herber, at home; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Teri Sue and Denny Schiffler of Ball Lake, Hamilton, and Tammy Jo and Jim W. Bell of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Teddy Dean Jr. and Janet Lepley of Butler; a grandmother, Lucille "Peggy" Rowe Mills of Auburn; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the John Paul Lepley Herber fund.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Bessie Mae Schooley, 92, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Beverly Essing

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Beverly B. Essing, 72, died Tuesday at 12:25 a.m. at Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville, where she had lived since November 1995.

She formerly made her home in Toledo, Ohio.

She was born Aug. 1, 1924, in Michigan. She married Earl F. Essing in July 1944 and he died June 28, 1966.

Surviving are three daughters, Jennifer Moore of Auburn, Marsha Dale of Peoria, Ariz., and Cindy Greutman of Hicksville; one stepdaughter, Beva Jean Dixon of Toledo; one stepson, Ronald Essing of Toledo; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Michael Ray Essing.

Friends may call today after 4 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Tim Trace officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Margaret Mavis

HAMILTON — Margaret Eileen Mavis, 71, died Tuesday morning in her Hamilton home.

Mrs. Mavis was a former clerk at the Boston Store in Auburn and a former employee of Rieke Corp., Auburn. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 13, 1925, in Butler to the late Harold and Thelma (Ames) Carpenter.

She married Donald E. Mavis on Jan. 26, 1952, in Hamilton, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sherry Guinn of Hamilton and Linda Eckerly of Berne; one brother, Terry Carpenter of Fort Wayne;

two sisters, Lucille Albright of Anderson, and Janice Carpenter of South Bend; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Allen County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Iris Fay Switzer, 98, of Cromwell, died Sunday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Calling noon-1:30 p.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

David Blaker

BUTLER — David H. Blaker, 54, died Tuesday evening in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blaker was a heavy equipment operator and a farmer, and lived in Butler. He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church, Butler.

He was born Oct. 8, 1942, in Auburn to the late Roy and Helen (Snively) Blaker.

He married Nancy S. Everett on July 12, 1975, in Butler and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bruce, at home; and one daughter, Rebecca, also at home.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Steven Horner officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Gideons International.

Harriett Coburn

NEWTON, Kan. — Harriett A. Coburn, 94, died Wednesday in the Kansas Christian Home at Newton, Kan.

Mrs. Coburn and her husband were ordained ministers in the Disciples of Christ, and ministered in Indiana, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Kansas. She was educated at Drake University and Phillips University. She was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Newton and the Kansas Christian Home Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 26, 1902, in Mound City, Mo., to the late Edver J. and Bessie (Walter) Van Deventer.

She married Walter H. Coburn on July 20, 1922, in Beatrice, Neb., and he died June 25, 1985.

Surviving are four sons, Walter of Converse, Texas, Edver of Merrillville, Frank of Yakima, Wash., and Marion of Pasadena, Calif.; one daughter, Audrey Coburn of Chesterton; one brother, Howard La France of Lawton, Okla.; one sister, Katherine La France of Lawton; a foster daughter, Annamae James of Newton; 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Friday in Newton.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe. Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Marie Anderson

ORLAND — Marie Anderson, 86, died Tuesday at 9:28 a.m. in Thurston Woods Village, Sturgis, Mich.

She was retired after teaching in Centerville (near Richmond, Ind.), Orland and Brighton. She was a long-time 4-H leader and a member of the Orland Congregational Church.

She was born July 6, 1910, in Straughn, near New Castle in east central Indiana, to Abner and Mary (Lawson) Langston. She married Ezra Anderson. He preceded her in death in 1986.

She is survived by one son, Maurice (and wife Debera) Anderson of Arco, Idaho; one daughter, Susan Anderson of Estes Park, Colo.; one sister, Anna Langston of Richmond; and two grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by an infant son.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Friday in Orland Congregational Church. The Rev. Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to Home Bound Healthcare of LaGrange and the Orland Congregational Church.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Donald C. Crouse, 72, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Topeka United Methodist Church, Topeka, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Barbara Pankop

WATERLOO — Barbara L. Pankop, 52, died Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in her home on County Road 20, rural Waterloo.

She was a Fairfield Township farmer and worked 18 years at the Kendallville IGA store.

Mrs. Pankop was born Sept. 30, 1944, in Kendallville to Harold and Laverna (Martin) McKee. They survive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

She married Harley J. Pankop on April 30, 1964, in Kendallville, and he died Feb. 9, 1985.

Surviving are three daughters, Deedee Zuber of Fremont, and Angie Stuckey and Lisa Pankop, both of Waterloo; two stepsons, Richard Pankop of New Haven and Jeffrey Pankop of Wolf Lake; three brothers, Raymond McKee, Donie McKee and Larry McKee, all of Winnipeg; one sister, Dorothy Parker of Corunna; and two grandsons, Adam Smith of Waterloo and Logan Zuber of Fremont.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after noon. Brian Wilcox, pastor of Cedar Lake Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial gifts may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Woodrow Kline

ST. JOE — Woodrow W. Kline, 82, died Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn, where he had lived since August 1990.

Mr. Kline worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1984, and was a farmer. He graduated from St. Joe High School. He was a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ in Hicksville, Ohio, and Concord Masonic Lodge in Spencerville.

He was born Aug. 31, 1914, in DeKalb County to the late Daniel and Emily (Meek) Kline.

He married Aylene Bledsoe, and she died Oct. 9, 1974.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Friends may call Saturday after 2 p.m. and Sunday after 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Ken Wellman, minister at Hicksville Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in La Fayette, Ga.

Sylvia Inabnitt

BUTLER — Sylvia Rose Ann Inabnitt, 50, died Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in an automobile accident near Butler.

She was a receiving manager at Kmart in Angola for the past nine years, and had been employed by Kmart for 18 years. She lived in Butler.

Mrs. Inabnitt was born June 11, 1946, in Pineville, Ky. Her mother, Goldie Hoskins West, survives in Butler and her father, Steve Hoskins, is deceased.

She married Robert G. Inabnitt in July 1979 in Indianapolis, and he died Jan. 12, 1996.

Surviving are one son, Michael G. of Indianapolis; one daughter, Ellen R. Jenkins of Clarksville, Tenn.; one brother, Ed West of San Diego; one sister, Myrna West of Butler; three grandchildren; and a close friend, Sunda Obendorf of Butler.

Services will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society or American Cancer Society.

William McKinley

ANGOLA — William W. McKinley, 70, died Thursday at 1:50 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was a farmer and a veteran of World War II.

He was born April 15, 1926, in Angola to Milo and Bertha (Branon) McKinley. His father preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother, Bertha McKinley in LaGrange; three sons, Tom, Rick and Jerry, all of Angola; six daughters, Mrs. Bob (Sharon) Cody of Montgomery, Mich., and Mrs. Terry (Shirley) Wilcox, Mrs. Ronny (Debra) Wilcox, Mrs. David (Louise) Johnston, Penny McKinley and Mrs. Larry (Sandra) Bradford, all of Angola; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Dale, Vern and Bob, also preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Carlton Wicker, 70, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with calling there from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Ada L. Parlier, 93, died Thursday. Services at 4 p.m. Sunday in Columbia City United Methodist Church, with calling there two hours before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — Cecil Mearl Stone, 93, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Bradley Hartman

ANGOLA — Bradley Paul Hartman, 26, died Thursday at his home on Williams Street in Angola.

He had worked at Scott's Foods in Auburn and Angola for the past six years.

He was born July 12, 1970, in Auburn to Terry and Diane (Hoff) Hartman. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are one brother, Gregory Hartman of Auburn; and two grandmothers, Leola Hartman of Waterloo and Helen Hoff of Avilla.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial gifts may be given to Rise Inc. of Angola, or Community Living of Angola.

Lynn Patton

FREMONT — Lynn J. Patton, 68, died Friday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient one week.

Mr. Patton retired in 1992 with 40 years of service in the meter department at Indiana & Michigan Electric in Fort Wayne. He had lived on Jimmerson Lake, in rural Fremont, for 17 years. He was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Mizpah Shrine and York Rite.

He was born Oct. 21, 1968, in Fort Wayne to M.H. "Jim" and Blanche (Nichols) Patton, who survive in Columbia City.

Also surviving are four sons, Dan C. of Indianapolis, Scott L. of Huntertown, Michael J. of Fort Wayne, and Joseph J. of Fremont; two daughters Lila H. Patton and Kara L. Patton, both of Fremont; one stepson, John B. Bryan of the U.S. Air Force in Germany; one brother, Gary M. of Columbia City; one sister, Alice Habig of Fort Wayne; and four granddaughters.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Mizpah Shriners.

Mildred Herren

ANGOLA — Mildred Marie Herren, 69, died Sunday at 1:40 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

She was born Sept. 10, 1927, in Detroit to Augustiv and Syrena M. (Lahti) Korrok.

In 1951, she married Rudy Herren. He survives her.

She is also survived by two sons, Roger Herren of Edgerton, Ohio, and Keith Herren of Detroit; four daughters, Sandra Krontz and Sharon Collins, both of Edgerton, Carol Compagnoni of Farmington, Mich., and Patty Hopson of Angola; two brothers, John Korrok of Walled Lake, Mich., and Richard Korrok of Missouri; one sister, Helen Carr of Missouri; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Oscar Korrok and Bobby Korrok.

There will be no visitation. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Webster F. Pierce, 92, died Saturday Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Doris R. Bevington, 74, died Thursday. Funeral Mass was today in Fort Wayne.

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Anna Christiansen

PLYMOUTH — Anna F. Christiansen, 75, died Saturday at 8:28 p.m. in Home Hospital, Lafayette, from a stroke she suffered as she returned to her car after a Purdue University football game.

Mrs. Christiansen was a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital (St. Joseph Hospital of Marshall County), retiring in 1990. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She had lived in Plymouth since 1952, coming from Spiceland.

She was born April 16, 1921, in Brookston to the late Harry and Annette (Maxwell) Vanderbilt.

She married Eugene R. Christiansen on Dec. 28, 1944, in Brookston, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark A. of Waterloo and Scott W. of Warsaw; one sister, Barbara Ward of Brookston; two brothers, Max Vanderbilt and Herbert Vanderbilt, both of Lafayette; and four grandchildren.

One brother, Harry Edward Vanderbilt, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home at Plymouth.

Services take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Al Kundenreich will officiate, with burial in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church, the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon, Ind., or the Red Cross Food Pantry.

Alfred Ruhl

BRYAN, Ohio — Alfred Duane Ruhl, 75, died Sunday afternoon at his home on County Road 15, Bryan.

Mr. Ruhl worked at Challenge Cook Brothers as a welder. He was a member of Bryan Eagles Lodge and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Auburn to the late Alfred Otis and Florence (Rogers) Ruhl.

He married Fredia Faye German on Nov. 11, 1941, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Fay Ann Cogswell of Alvordton and Hope Johnson of Bryan; two brothers, Robert of LaGrange and Lamar of Angola; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. in Flint Cemetery, Flint, Ind. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Beard

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert M. Beard, 70, of rural Pleasant Lake, died at 8:05 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Edgerton, Ohio, Oct. 3, 1926, to Milton and Hazel (Wonderly) Beard. On Feb. 6, 1949, in Garrett, he married Jean Snyder. She survives.

Mr. Beard was a 1944 graduate of Edgerton High School. He moved to rural Pleasant Lake in 1963. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He retired in January after 13 years with the State Highway Department. He had also owned and operated Beard's Garage in Salem Center from 1963-1972, and he worked for 18 years at Saunders Leasing in Middlebury.

He was a member of American Legion Post 31, Angola, and was a member and past fire chief of Salem Center Fire Department. He was a charter member of the Northeast Indiana Gas & Steam Association, a member of Cedar Creek Gas & Steam Association, Noble County Gas & Steam Association in Albion, Steuben County Gas & Steam Association in Angola and charter member of the DAV in Goshen.

Mr. Beard was an avid collector of old tractors.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Roberta) Pfafman of LaGrange; two sons, Lee Beard of rural Hudson, and Donald Beard of LaGrange; a sister, Eleanor Blanchard of North Miami, Fla.; two brothers, Richard Beard of Fort Wayne, and Harold Beard of Berkley, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson; with Mike Hamm of Stroh Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, rural Hudson, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 31, Angola.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Salem Center Fire Department.

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CHURUBUSCO — Vicki Lynn Carpenter, 50, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Edward Kummer

WATERLOO — Edward C. "Jud" Kummer, 70, died Monday at 6:30 p.m. in an airplane crash near Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Kummer retired in 1988 from Food Marketing Corp. He lived on County Road 31, Waterloo, and had been a DeKalb County resident since 1948. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from February 1944 to May 1946.

He was member of the United States Landing Ship Tank Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Mr. Kummer was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Allen County to the late Clarence and Marguerite (Miller) Kummer.

Surviving are two brothers, Richard of Waterloo and Carl of West Liberty, Ohio; and three sisters, Ruth Burris of Redkey, Sarah Scott of Reno, Nev., and Phyllis Conner of Zephyrhills, Fla.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Elzey-Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. David Maish, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, is in charge of arrangements.

Amos Rinehold

FORT WAYNE — Amos B. Rinehold, 62, died Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Rinehold was a troubleshooter for ITT for 24 years and

a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army. He had lived in Fort Wayne for 30 years.

He was born Dec. 13, 1933, in Fort Wayne to the late John LeRoy and Dorthea (Darling) Rinehold.

Surviving are two sons, John A. of Albion and Jeff L. of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

One daughter, Eva Marie Mommer, preceded him in death in 1990.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Helen Perchin

FREMONT — Helen Perchin, 86, died Monday at 10 a.m. at her home in Fremont.

Mrs. Perchin had worked for the Steuben County Council on Aging in Angola and was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 28, 1909, in Hammond to Perry and Celeste (Gromaire) Sheffield. She married Frank Perchin, who preceded her in death in 1979.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Normand "Moe" (Donna) McCain of Griffith; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Perry Sheffield.

There will be no calling.

Funeral services begin at 2 p.m.

Sunday in Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carl Lott will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Council on Aging.

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HARLAN — Victor Gerig, 40, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn Cosette "Cosy" Irons, 87, longtime Kendallville resident, died Monday in Vermont. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

COLUMBIA CITY — Geneva Leach, 79, died Tuesday. Service at 11 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Melva Myers

ANGOLA — Melva Y. Myers, 74, died Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in her Angola home.

Mrs. Myers had been a bookkeeper for Moore Business Forms in Angola. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Order of Eastern Star, Angola Chapter 78.

She was born April 29, 1922, in Waterloo to Wilbur and Orlena (Triplett) Miser.

On April 21, 1946, she married Donald Myers, who survives.

She also is survived by two sons, Dr. Lewis Myers of Valparaiso and Dr. Keith Myers of Hillsdale, Mich.; one brother, Jack Miser of Coldwater Lake, Mich.; one sister, Garcile Myers of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. An Eastern Star service by the Angola chapter begins at 6:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Mabel Curry

GARRETT — Mabel Huffman Curry, 87, died Tuesday at 2:08 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She retired in 1972 after 22 years of service with General Electric Co. She was manager of Andrews Co. in Kokomo, a salesperson for Harris Furniture in Athens, Ohio, and a bookkeeper for Evans Furniture Co. in Parkersburg, W. Va.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and General Electric Elex Club, Honorettes Chapter. She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts at the church for 30 years. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 24, 1909, in Roanoke to the late Verne and Elfa (Carter) Huffman.

Surviving are two daughters, Marion Herold Klinger of Garrett and Melinda J. Pepler of Fort Wayne, one son, Hal C. Curry of Gaithersburg, Md.; one sister, Mildred E. Finrow of Fort Wayne; one brother, Thomas Albert Huffman of Panorama City, Calif.; seven grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Thomas Eggold officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church of Garrett, or Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mary Schrock

SPENCERVILLE — Mary Rosanna Schrock, 76, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church.

She was born March 18, 1920, in Akron, Ohio, to the Rev. Emmanuel and Mary (Brumbaugh) Edwards, now deceased.

On Aug. 25, 1946, she married Albert Schrock in Akron. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two sons, Jim Schrock of Phoenix and Dennis Schrock of Freeman, S.D.; a daughter, Carol (Mrs. Robert) Mauck of Shipshewana; a brother, Martin Edwards of Columbus, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Schrock, and a brother, Harold Edwards.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Baidinger & Walter

Funeral Home, Spencerville, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at North Leo Mennonite Church.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the church. Pastor Doug Zehr and Pastor Charles DeSanto will officiate. Burial will be in Shore Mennonite Cemetery, Shipshewana, with

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, Memorial Chairman, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706, and the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Ruth Dirrim

WABASH — Ruth Allen Dirrim, 80, died Wednesday at 7:20 a.m. in Wabash Skilled Care Center.

She was a 1934 graduate of Garrett High School, where she played on its state champion women's basketball team. She lived in Wabash and was a member of Wabash Presbyterian Church.

She was born Jan. 20, 1916, in Paoli to the late Cornelius G. and Orpha (Brown) McPheeters.

She married Harold G. Dirrim on July, 3, 1937, and he died Sept. 26, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Bowman of Wabash and Sue Irwin of McHenry, Ill.; five brothers, Dan McPheeters of Fort Wayne, Gary McPheeters, Maurice McPheeters and Jack McPheeters, all of Garrett, and Jesse McPheeters of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in the Main Street Chapel of Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeffrey D. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Memorial contributions may be given to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Nashville, Tenn., where a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Dirrim is being treated.

Kathryn Strikas

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn "Kay" Strikas, 64, Cree Lake, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 10, 1931, in Fort Wayne to William and Calpurna (Badger) Chaney. Her first husband, Dwight Elmer, died in May 1982. Her second husband, Daniel Strikas, survives.

A homemaker, she was a member of American Legion Auxiliary 86 and Women of the Moose 730 and had resided in Kendallville since 1986.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Sandy Harber of Churubusco, Mary Fagg and Judy Rogers, both of Fort Wayne, and Linda Morlock of New York; five sons, John Elmer, Dwight Elmer and William Rogers of Fort Wayne, Clifford Rogers of Nevada and James Rogers of Georgia; three stepdaughters, Paula Williams and Cindy Musgrove, both of Muncie, and Mary Combs of South Bend; one brother, William Chaney of Marion; 23 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

Eloise Kelly

DENVER — Eloise "Pat" Kelly, 74, died Oct. 3 at her residence.

She was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Howe to Ralph A. and Marguerite (Doll) Kelly.

A journalist, writer and commu-

nity volunteer, she edited and published the Colorado Democrat from 1971 to 1975. Also, she did reporting and wrote features for various other newspapers, church agencies and political groups. She was employed for several years as a copy editor for Touche Ross.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind.

She is survived by two brothers, Richard L. Kelly and Ralph Allen Kelly, both of Howe; one sister, Mrs. Robert (Melissa) Tobias of Salinas, Calif.; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Paul William Kelly and John L. Kelly, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Riverside Cemetery, Howe, with the Rev. George Weister officiating. There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the

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charity of the donor's choice.

DENVER — Mary Wysong Seymoure, 96, died Oct. 20. Committal service for the former Wolf Lake-area resident is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Derr

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Donald Wayne Derr, 57, of White Pigeon, Mich., died Wednesday at his home after an extended illness.

He was born Sept. 3, 1939, in Huntington, to Joseph and Ruth (Schenkel) Derr. He graduated from Huntington High School and entered the U. S. Navy in 1956. He served in the Navy and Naval Reserves, being discharged in 1963. He was employed by the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad in Huntington and Conrail Railroad in Elkhart as an engineer, retiring in 1992 after 30 years of service.

He was a member if the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the American Legion post in Constantine, Mich.

During high school, he competed in the national diving championships and later received awards in the U.S. Navy for swimming and diving. He enjoyed hunting and golfing.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Pamela Derr, with whom he shared a home in White Pigeon; a son, Paul Derr of White Pigeon; a daughter, Jennifer Derr, of White Pigeon; a granddaughter, Mindy Eash; two brothers, Neil Derr of Huntington and Robert Derr of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Barbara Brooks of Newville and Sharon Shoup of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sharlene Miller.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may call Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Eley Funeral Home, Constantine, Mich., where a memorial service will take place at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Sturgis, Mich.

Alice Guerin

FORT WAYNE — Alice J. Guerin, 70, died Thursday at Riverbend Health Care, Fort Wayne.

A native of Zanesville, she was part-owner of Auburn Marine Tackle Inc. and also a housekeeper at the Hilton Inn, Fort Wayne, retiring in

1988 after 18 1/2 years of service. She was a member of South West Assembly of God.

She is survived by her husband, Dale E. Guerin of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sandra K. Wright of Fort Wayne; a son, Terry W. Guerin of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ralph Keller of Fort Wayne; a sister, Eva Young of Ossian; and one grandchild.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, where friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southwest Assembly of God, 7702 Smith Road, Fort Wayne 46809.

Donald Sheets

FISHERS — Donald H. Sheets, 78, of Fishers, died Thursday at home.

Mr. Sheets had been employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and was active with the Boy Scouts of America.

He was born Feb. 25, 1918, in Kendallville, to Harry and Mildred (Miller) Sheets.

On July 23, 1940 he married Helen Bitzer, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David Sheets of Bloomington, Ill., Dr. Kent Sheets of Ann Arbor, Mich., and John Sheets of Indianapolis; one brother, Warren Sheets of Tuscon, Ariz.; and one sister, Rosemary Gerig of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Sheets, and a brother, Dwight Sheets.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at the Shirley Brothers Chapel, Indianapolis. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Epworth United Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

Enoch Burke

AUBURN — Enoch Burke, 91, died today at 12:30 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Burke had worked at Quick Tanks in Kendallville for 16 years, retiring in 1973.

He was born May 2, 1905, in Pike County, Ky., to Moses and Elizabeth (Tackett) Burke.

On May 21, 1955, he married Virginia Hobson in West Liberty, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mary Burke of Kendallville, Barbara Cox of Garrett, Ky., and Sandra Mardini of Churubusco; three stepsons, Dallas Ray Osborne of Indianapolis, Bill Osborne of Louisville, Ky., and Robert Osborne of Indianapolis; five stepdaughters, Anna Daniels of Milford, and Shirly Kryzanski, Willa May Hooker, Reba Howard and Paty Coley, all of Indianapolis; a brother, Arlin Burke of Bellville, Mich.; one sister, Elvini Osborne of Columbus, Ohio; 37 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Jim Robbins of Laketon Wesleyan Church of Laketon officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

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HOWE — Daisy E. (Dolly) Holst of Howe died Thursday. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

FORT WAYNE — Cathern H. Stockert, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday. Services at noon Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

AVILLA — Ruth E. Whonselter, 84, died today. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Roy Phillips

GARRETT — Roy P. Phillips, 46, of 1425 County Road 54, Garrett, died Friday at 6:20 a.m. in a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of CR 28 and State Road 327, south of Corunna.

Mr. Phillips was a factory worker at Hoosier Wire, Plant No. 3, in Avilla. He was a Vietnam War veteran and a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

He was born Dec. 2, 1949, in Knoxville, Tenn., to Andy and Florence Phillips, who survive in Harriman, Tenn.

On Oct. 5, 1985, he married Sandy L. Fousnought in Auburn. She also survives.

Also surviving are a son, Roi P. Phillips of Auburn; four sisters in Harriman, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. John McFarland of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mr. Phillips' wife, Sandy.

Donald Miller

ANGOLA — Donald E. Miller, 61, of Angola, died Friday at 3:45 a.m. at his home.

An Angola resident for nine years after moving from Coldwater, Mich., he was the owner of DP Industrial Tools and Abrasives and a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born March 13, 1935, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Frank and Mabel (Pritcher) Miller.

On April 25, 1987, he married Phyllis (Wheaton) Miller. She survives him in Angola.

He also is survived by one son, Kim Miller of Bronson, Mich.; two stepsons, Alan Stultz of South Whitley and Todd Stultz of Angola; two daughters, Connie Millard of Delton, Mich., and Laura Alexander of Wixom, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Pamela Werner of Angola; two brothers, George Miller of North Carolina, and Robert Miller of Sturgis, Mich.; one sister, Betty Ricker of Van Wert, Ohio; two grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Jan Stultz in 1993, and one brother, Frank Miller Jr. in 1945.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society and Cameron Hospice.

Brand Williams

AUBURN — Brand A. Williams, 86, of Auburn, died Thursday at 9:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Auburn.

He was born June 22, 1910, in Batesville, Ark., to Albert A. and Mary A. (Brand) Williams.

On Jan. 5, 1944, he married Virginia M. Mowery in Angola. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three nieces, Mary Grwinski of South Bend, Carol Sanders of Mill Valley, Calif., and Doris Williams of Kansas City, Mo.; and two great-nephews, Bruce Grwinski of Auburn and Brad Grwinski of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Estelle Kessler and Frieda Williams, and four brothers, Ernest, Elwood, Fred and Courtney Williams.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Terry Gebhart of Maplecrest Kingdom Hall, Fort Wayne, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call Monday from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Auburn.

Virginia Schutte

ROBINSON, Ill. — Virginia (Jennie) R. Schutte, 67, of Robinson, Ill., died Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Crawford Memorial Hospital, Robinson, following hospitalization earlier in the week.

She was born in Robinson on Feb. 20, 1929, to Roy T. and Alice (Jones) Meeker, who are deceased.

On June 19, 1948, she married Charles W. Chuck

Schutte. He died Aug. 28, 1990.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Robinson; WIBC, Women's Bowling League, American Legion Auxiliary and Women of the Moose.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Jane Schutte of Garrett and Rebecca (Mrs. Alan) Johnston of Columbus, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Sally Schutte of Brazil, Ind.; three sisters, Marilyn (Mrs. Charles) Simons of Lake Alfred, Fla., and Norma (Mrs. Max) Trainor and Martha (Mrs. Dick) Tracy, both of Newton, Ill.; three grandchildren, Geoffrey Johnston, Kendra Burkett and Austin Schutte; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Harry and Edward Meeker, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Pulliam Funeral Home, Robinson, where friends may call today from 5-8 p.m., and until service time Sunday.

Burial will be in Robinson New Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Irene Wogomon

ANGOLA — Irene M. Wogomon, 77, died Friday at 11:15 a.m. at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Angola.

Mrs. Wogomon was born Nov. 2, 1919, in Angola to Perry and Mary (McClish) Shaffer, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, William Parks of Angola, Roger Parks of Detroit, and Bernard Wogomon Jr. of Angola; two daughters, Betty Jones of Angola, and Carolyn Gibson of Garrett, Ky.; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Curtis Parks, in November 1944, and her second husband, Bernard Wogomon Sr., in 1987; a son, Perry Wogomon in 1982; and a daughter, Edith Ferral.

There will be no services or visitation. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Mary Schrock

SPENCERVILLE — May Rosanna Schrock, 76, died Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a native of Akron, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Albert Schrock; a daughter, Carol Mauck of Shipshewana; two sons, Jim Schrock of Phoenix and Dennis Schrock of Freeman, S.D.; a brother, Martin Edwards of Columbus, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today in North Leo Mennonite Church, with burial in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is from 9-10 a.m. today in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society, DeKalb County unit, or the American Diabetes Association.

Maurice Smith

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Maurice W. Smith, 86, died Wednesday at home.

He was a native of Allen County who formerly worked at the Casad Depot in New Haven, Universal Tool and Die Co. in Butler. He was also a farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Inez A. Smith; four daughters, Martha Smith of New Haven, Mary A. White of Peru, Ind., Kristine Freyer of Springport, Ind., and Caroline Smith of Warner Robins, Ga.; two sons, James Smith of Spencerville, Ind., and William Smith of Aliquippa, Pa.; two sisters, Edith Lortie of Avilla, and Eleanor Linz of Ossian, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. today in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance County (Ohio) or Masses to the church.

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LAGRANGE — Clara A. Bailey McCally, 81, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling is from 7-9 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. A rosary service will be held at the funeral home at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Kathryn Ice

GARRETT — Kathryn M. Ice, 71, died Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Ice was a secretary at Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 15 years. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, and the Order of the Eastern Star in Garrett.

She was born May 8, 1925, in Garrett to the late Harry and Pearl (Workman) Simcox.

She married Charles R. Ice on Nov. 25, 1953, in Garrett and he died July 1, 1982.

Surviving are one son, Danny Ice of Garrett; one brother, Charles Simcox of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

A half-brother, Pat O'Brien, also preceded her in death.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

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Preferred memorials are to the family.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Hamman

FORT WAYNE — Edward M. Hamman, 56, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born July 25, 1940, in Butler to Milton and Kathleen Hamman, who survive in Albion.

He retired from North American Van Lines in 1994 after 24 years of service. Also, he worked for Guardsmark Security, and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving with his parents are a son, Thomas E. Hamman of Columbia City; two daughters, Tamara E. Hamman and Jennifer M. Hamman, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jackie Brown of Ithica, Mich.; and one granddaughter.

Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at McMillan Chapel at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St. No calling. Burial will be in the church

Deaths/Funerals

Jack Andrews

ANGOLA — Jack B. Andrews, 70, died Sunday at 6 a.m., at his home in Angola.

He was retired as a Realtor for Andrews-Beck Realty and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31, Angola Moose Lodge, Angola Elks Lodge and the North Eastern Indiana Board of Realtors.

He was born Jan. 27, 1926, in Detroit to Frank and Rosella (Mills) Andrews. He married Rosemary (DeCuypere) Andrews, who preceded him in death on April 6, 1987.

He is survived by one son, James Andrews of Angola; one daughter, Jacquelyn "Jake" Wahlig of Angola; one sister, Phyllis Rowley of Tampa, Fla., and a companion, Gwen Harvey of Angola.

He also was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Private graveside services will take place at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to Angola American Legion Post 31 and the Angola Moose Lodge.

p.m. Sunday of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at 5825S - 550E, LaGrange. Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ronnie Lynn Short**, 33, died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at 5825S - 550E, LaGrange. Services are at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Community Baptist Church, South Milford. Calling is from 1-4 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and after 6 p.m. today at the church.

ALBION — **Berniece D. Berkes**, 90, died at 2:10 p.m. Monday. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and at the church one hour before services Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Linda Freed**, 50, died today at her home. Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **David Paul Brady Jr.**, 33, died at 8:23

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Leo Foster

ORLAND — Leo W. Foster, 77, died Monday at 9:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

A 30-year U.S. Navy veteran, he had worked on the Indiana Toll Road for 10 years. He was a member of the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born May 16, 1919, in Steuben County to Marvin and Audrey (Porter) Foster.

His wife of 22 years, Anna May (Burch) Foster, survives him in Orland.

He also is survived by one son, Paul Foster of California; one stepson, Bob Rodgers of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Marvin (Judy) Aldrich of Angola, Mrs. Bill (Bonnie) Booth of Orland, and Sharrie Rodgers of Greenfield; one sister, Marian Nelson of Sturgis, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. James Butler will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, with military rites performed by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Orland Fire Department.

Clara Ervin

GARRETT — Clara L. Ervin, 102, died Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Mrs. Ervin was a homemaker. She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Order of Eastern Star, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Garrett Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Auxiliary, Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, and Faith Shrine. She was a pianist for her church and the Garrett VFW.

She was born Jan. 3, 1894, in Garrett to the late Carl and Anna (Heinzerling) Grischke.

Surviving are two daughters, Helen Pence of Bryan, Ohio, and Marie Sapp of Angola; one son, Paul of Butler; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles; four brothers, Ed, Walt, Oscar and Paul Grischke; and two sisters, Alma and Meta Grischke.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Natalie Saltsman

PERU, Ind. — Natalie Jo Saltsman, 14, died Monday at 4:07 p.m. as a result of an auto accident west of Strawtown Pike in Miami County.

She was one of a set of triplets and attended Peru High School as a freshman. She lived in Peru and was a member of Treaty Church of Christ in Wabash County.

Miss Saltsman was born July 14, 1982, in Boise, Idaho, to Steven L. and Linda (Woodruff) Saltsman. They survive in Peru.

Also surviving are four brothers, Jamison D., Steven M., Timothy J. and Joshua D., all of Peru; two sisters, Penny N. Saltsman and Sara K. Saltsman, both of Peru; her grandparents, Jerry and Evadne Saltsman of Auburn; Kay Mitchell of Logansport, and Homer T. Woodruff of Logansport; and a great-grandmother, Nancy Iola Saltsman of Frankfort.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Peru, with Glenn Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Glenn Etheridge

MONTPELIER, Ind. — Glenn R. Etheridge, 69, died Tuesday at 3:52 p.m. in his Montpelier home following a short illness.

He retired in 1986 from the Fisher Body plant in Marion, now called C.P.C. of General Motors Corp. He had lived in Blackford County since 1961, moving there from Waterloo.

Mr. Etheridge was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the military police. He was a 1945 graduate of Fremont High School.

He was a member of United Auto Workers at Fisher Body, Fisher Body Sympathy Club, and Millard Brown American Legion Post 156 in Montpelier.

He was born Feb. 15, 1927, in Springport, Mich., to the late Fred Samuel and Ruth I. (Carpenter) Etheridge.

He married Delores J. Purdy on May 12, 1948, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mary Chandler, Glenda Michael and Beth Murphy, all of Montpelier; one brother, Kirk of Huntertown; one sister, Juanita Cannon of Columbia City; and four grandchildren, Larry and Sam Michael, Stacey Murphy and Stephanie Chandler.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dale S. in 1955; one brother, Ed; one sister, Gloria Ann Etheridge; and one grandson, Steven Chandler.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Services will take place Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Ken Horning and the Rev. Jack Hierholzer officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier, with military graveside services by Millard-Brown American Legion Post 156.

Memorial contributions may be given to Brookside Memorial Park Cemetery.

Area Deaths

SUN CITY, Ariz. — **Louise Wright Weybright**, 84, died Sunday at Sun Valley Lodge, Sun City,

Ariz. The native of Lynn, Ind., was a former student at Kendallville High School.

KENDALLVILLE — **Linda M. Freed**, 50, died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday at her residence of a possible stroke. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rhodea Charapata Funeral Home, Crivitz, Ariz. Calling from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and at Rhodea Charapata Funeral Home in Crivitz, Wis., three hours before services Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Wilda A. Kollman**, 86, died at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Robert A. Snowberger**, 64, died unexpectedly at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday of an apparent heart attack. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Cremation following services, with interment at a later time. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Best

AUBURN — Mary L. Best, 71, died Wednesday at 1:20 p.m. in Auburn.

Mrs. Best was an assembler at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 31 1/2 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the DeKalb County and Garrett historical societies.

She was born July 17, 1925, in Auburn to the late George C. and Gratia (Walter) Fluke.

She married Clarence E. Best on Jan. 24, 1953, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Phillip Fluke of Virginia Beach, Va., and Elton Fluke of Waterloo; and one sister, Sarah Betts of Big Long Lake.

One sister, Doris Somers, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. of the First Baptist Church, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Humane Society or DeKalb County Hospice.

Willa Rigsby

ASHLEY — Willa Donellda Rigsby, 69, died Wednesday at 10:45 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rigsby worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 15 years, retiring in 1972. She attended the Ashley Church of God and Auburn Church of the Nazarene. She lived on North Union Street in Ashley.

She was born Oct. 6, 1927, in Ashley to the late Roy and Elsie (Gipple) Brand.

She married Chester A. Rigsby on March 8, 1946, in Ashley, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Terry of Ashley; one daughter, Connie Rigsby of Ashley; and two grandchildren, Rod Rigsby of Pleasant Lake and Terra Rigsby of Ashley.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Ashley Church of God, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. The Rev. Dean Snyder, the Rev. Rick Garmon

and the Rev. Alan Gibson will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake in Steuben County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Ashley Church of God or Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

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Deaths/Funerals

Pauline Ladig

FORT WAYNE — Pauline Grace Ladig, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at 3:12 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ladig was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1956. She was a member of Calvary Temple Worship Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born May 6, 1922, in Belding, Mich., to Burr L. and Grace L. (Stephens) Kilts.

She is survived by her husband, R. Raymond; two daughters, Pam J. King of Waterloo and Claudia R. Ladig of Fort Wayne; a son, Patrick J. Ward of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. today in Calvary Temple Worship Center, Fort Wayne, where Bishop Paul E. Paino and the Rev. Don Wirgau officiated.

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Norman Sowle

BUTLER — Norman H. Sowle, 70, died Wednesday at 4:20 p.m. at his home in Butler.

Mr. Sowle was a self-employed carpenter.

He was born Aug. 29, 1926, in York Township, Steuben County, to Norman L. and Cleo (Harding) Sowle.

His wife, Florence (Hopkins) Sowle, survives him.

He also is survived by 10 stepchildren; one brother, Windle Riley of Ottumwa, Iowa; and four sisters, Vivian Baskovic of Butler, Annabell Schlecker and Lela Schlecker, both of Albion, Iowa; and Ethel Carter of Ottumwa, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Rose and Elsie; and one stepson.

Graveside services begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County. Pastor Darold Beck will officiate.

There will be no calling. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial contributions may be

made to the family care of Vivian Baskovic at 6361 County Road 16, Butler, IN 46721.

Dona 'Joan' Gienger

ALBION — Dona "Joan" Gienger, 66, of Albion, died unexpectedly Thursday morning in the emergency room of Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City.

She was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Albion to Kenneth and Mildred (Hoffman) Magnuson. On June 5, 1976, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, she married Carl Gienger. He survives.

Mrs. Gienger, a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker and member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, Sewing Guild in Kimmell and Albion Eagles No. 2455.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Deb Ott of Kendallville; three sons, Dennis Applegate of Dallas, Texas, Doug Applegate of Angola, and Scott Applegate of Albion; a sister, Jean Shanabarger of Churubusco; a brother, Dick Magnuson of Albion; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Magnuson, on April 5, 1995.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Edna Wildey officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Glenn E. Geiger, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 7-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

LAGRANGE — Paul J. Williamson, 83, died at 3:50 p.m. Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

FORT WAYNE — Celeste Diek Berg, 88, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard and Randallia Drive. Calling 3-5 p.m. today in D.O. McComb &

COLUMBIA CITY — Eleanor E. Hogg, 82, died Thursday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 3-7 p.m. today in Smith and Son Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Theresa Funk

CONNERSVILLE — Theresa Michelle Funk, 2-week-old daughter of Pastor Donald Lee and Anita Essey Funk of 1955 Ohio Ave., Connersville, died Wednesday at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

She had been a patient at Riley Hospital since her birth Nov. 6.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her maternal grandparents, Edward and Marie Essey of Indianapolis; one sister, Kela Michelle Funk of Connersville; two half-sisters, Deanna Kay Funk of South Whitley and Melanie Guerro of Columbia City; one half-brother, Kent Allen Wood of LaOtto; three aunts, two uncles, one niece and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Mar-

shall and Hilda Funk.

Funeral services will take place Sunday at 6 p.m. in Urban-Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville, with the Rev. Michael Morgan, Elder Charles Thurman, and the Rev. James Gay officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

An additional funeral service will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church of Auburn on Monday at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Adam Christian Kolb**, 17, of Columbia City, died Thursday at 5:40 p.m.

in his home. Funeral services will Sunday at 2 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services are pending for **Velma Verle Hill**, 76, who died Friday at 2 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, in charge of arrangements.

MONROEVILLE — **Pauletta M. Powelson**, 78, of Monroeville, died Thursday at home. Funeral services 11 a.m. Monday in St. Mark Lutheran Church, Monroeville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in Marquart & Jacobs Funeral Home, Monroeville, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Emmett Bennett

AUBURN — Emmett K. Bennett, 57, died Monday at 6:25 a.m. in his home on South Hazel Street, Auburn.

Mr. Bennett retired in September as a foreman at Auburn Foundry. He was a Baptist.

He was born Sept. 18, 1939, in Greenvew, W.Va., to the late Ottie and Cloey (Myers) Bennett.

He married Linda Baisden on Feb. 10, 1961, in Madison, W.Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald Lane of Angola and Emmett L. of Hamilton; two daughters, Sherry Bennett of Fort Wayne and Sandra Main of Hamilton; three brothers, Emmerson of Bolivar, Ohio, Quentin of Streetsboro, Ohio, and Glen of Cleveland; four sisters, Adina Mitchell of Cleveland, Jerri Hiland of Kansas City, Mo., Ann Iyos of Warsaw, Ohio, and Mary Watts of Genoa, W.Va.; and seven grandchildren.

Two brothers, Bobby and Philip Bennett, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

LaVina Cox

AUBURN — LaVina Jeanette Cox, 64, died Saturday at 5:38 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a legal secretary for Grimm & Grimm Attorneys in Auburn for 40 years. She lived most of her life in Auburn.

She was born June 24, 1932, in Pioneer, Ohio, to the late Clare and Neva (Opdycke) Esterline.

Surviving are four sons, Jonathon L. and Jeffery L., both of Butler,

Jeremy Dean of Waterloo, and Joseph C. of Bradenton, Fla.; one daughter, Holly Janelle Brown of Auburn; one brother, Ralph Esterline of Pioneer, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Owen Esterline, and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dillard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stevan Hailflich of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Memorial gifts may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Harold Tritch

PLEASANT LAKE — Harold "Buster" R. Tritch, 75, died Saturday at 1:09 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Pleasant Lake High School, he retired in 1984 after 40 years as branch manager for the Angola Farm Bureau Co-Op.

He was born Dec. 31, 1920, in DeKalb County to Orville Ray and Esther Viola (Weber) Tritch. They preceded him in death.

On June 17, 1945, he married Wanda Batterson. She survives him.

He is also survived by one son, Stephen Tritch of Metz; three daughters, Diana Lynn Tritch and Christina Ann Tritch, both of Pleasant Lake, and Bonnie Gardner of Hamilton; one brother, Donald Tritch of Hamilton; four sisters, Iylene Swift of Fremont, Dorothy Favorite of Leesburg, Fla., Helen Harris of Fort Wayne, and Lois Wilson of Sun City, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from

2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Kenneth E. Thomas**, 89, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

AVILLA — **Anthony Cusick**, 7, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Carl E. Gaff**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

CROMWELL — **Ricky Lee Williams**, 42, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse. Memorial services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Wawasee Lakeside Chapel. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Velva V. Hill**, 76, died Friday. Services will be held later in Chelalis, Wash. No local calling.

LAGRANGE — **Jennie M. Gappinger**, 88, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ruth Roush**, 80, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Laurence Stokes

FORT WAYNE — Laurence J. Stokes, 94, died Sunday at 12:28 p.m. in his Fort Wayne home.

He retired in 1972 after 49 years of service at Fort Wayne Transit Co. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and lived most of his life in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stokes was born Nov. 18, 1902, in LaGloria, Cuba, to the late Aurelius B. and Flora M. (O'Neal) Stokes. His wife, Rose B., preceded him in death in 1991.

Surviving are four daughters, Juanita Parker of Auburn and Nancy Rian, Helen Matter and Polly Jacobs, all of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Theron Bohde and Leeuna Neat, both of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Richard Radtke and Pastor Andrew Dimit will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc. or St. Paul's Lutheran Church tape ministry.

Clifford Fisher

ANGOLA — Clifford H. "Jake" Fisher, 84, died Sunday at his home in Angola.

He was employed at the Angola Reduction Plant for 30 years and was a farmer. He attended Flint United Methodist Church, Flint.

He was born April 7, 1912, in Steuben County to Ward and Jennie (Kepler) Fisher.

On Oct. 31, 1936, he married Dorthea (Parsell) Fisher. She survives him.

He is also survived by a son, Gale Fisher of Angola; a daughter, Pamela Henney of Angola; a brother, Hollis Fisher of Angola; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Ron Holiday, who

helped on the farm for 26 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Wreathia Brown; and three brothers, Harold, Carlton and Robert Fisher.

Friends may call today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. Steven Brittenham will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice and Flint United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Carl R. Hubbard**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Clifford Jodry

BRYAN, Ohio — Clifford LeRoy Jodry, 84, died Tuesday morning at Kingston Nursing Home, Ligonier, following a short illness.

Mr. Jodry was a machinist at Aro Corp. in Bryan for 36 years, retiring in 1977. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the First Brethren Church, Bryan.

He was born May 19, 1912, in Williams County, Ohio, to the late Sylvan and Mabel (Bouquin) Jodry.

He married Thelma Nofzinger on April 15, 1939, in Bryan and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Terry of Syracuse; one daughter, Sharon Jodry of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Dillwyn of West Unity, Ohio, Ronald of Stryker, Ohio, and Sylvan of Lima, Ohio; two sisters, Emma Jones of Bingham, Pa., and Margaret Maxwell of Montpelier, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Bryan Chapel in Bryan.

Services will take place Friday at 1 p.m. at the First Brethren Church in Bryan, with Rev. H. Ray Aspinall officiating. Graveside military rites will be conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2489 in Bryan. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the church are preferred.

George Skinner

AUBURN — George M. Skinner, 65, died Monday at his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Skinner retired in 1992 after 38 years as a self-employed electrician. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of American Legion Post 0777 and a 1948 graduate of Argenta High School in Argenta, Ill.

He was born Dec. 4, 1930, in St. Joe, Mo., to the late George E. and Leota E. (Crouch) Skinner.

He married Priscilla L. Cook on Feb. 14, 1993, and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Paul A. of Ligonier, Peter A. and Patrick A., both of Kendallville, Louis E. of Los Angeles, and Jonathon D. of Syracuse; two stepsons, Lloyd L. Bradshaw of Matthews and Louis L. Bradshaw of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Lloya L. Osier of Fort Wayne and Belinda K. Bellam of Columbia City; and 15 grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. of the First Baptist Church, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

H. Louise Arduser

FORT WAYNE — H. Louise Arduser, 86, died Tuesday at 11:16 a.m. in her Fort Wayne residence.

She was born Oct. 16, 1910, in Waterloo, to Roy and Bessie (Kennedy) Stevenson.

She worked as an accounting clerk for General Electric, retiring in 1956 with 20 years' service. She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth Hertzog of Fort Wayne, and a brother, Don Stevenson, of Durham, N.C.

Her husband, Bruce J., preceded her in death in May 1990.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Randy Rossman officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home, or one hour prior to services Saturday.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Garden of Gethsemane, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ and Crossroads Children's Home, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Ethel S. Delanoy, 87, died Monday. Services were today in Columbia City.

FORT WAYNE — Ethel M. Davis, 95, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. today in Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield. No calling.

HOWE — Doris L. Evans, 83, died Friday. Services were Tuesday in Shoup-Carney Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

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Deaths/Funerals

Douglas Ritchie

AVILLA — Douglas M. Ritchie, 50, died Thursday at 2:15 a.m. in the emergency room of Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne from an apparent heart attack.

He was born Oct. 6, 1946, in Knott County, Ky., to Arnold and Dicy (Polly) Ritchie. On Oct. 10, 1964, in South Milford, he married Evelyn Shepherd. She survives.

Mr. Ritchie had lived in the Avilla area nine years, moving from Garrett. He was a coremaker at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville 24 years. He was a member of Bethel Christian Baptist Church and a church trustee.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Douglas J. Ritchie of Homer, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. John (Donna) Thompson of Kendallville, and Laura Ritchie of Wolcottville; a brother, Joe Ritchie of Vicco, Ky.; a sister, Moselle Jacobs of Rome City; a stepsister, Helen Holbrook of Wolcottville; three stepbrothers, Andrew Ritchie of Hindman, Ky., Frank Ritchie of Clear Creek, Ky., and Rick Tackett of Garrett; and four grandchildren.

A brother, Kenneth Ritchie, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 West and Ind. 9 North, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 5-9 p.m. today at the church with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Shirley Kent

CHURUBUSCO — Shirley A. Kent, 59, of near Churubusco, died at 12:45 p.m. Thursday at home.

She was born March 25, 1937, in Monroeville to Francis and Bertha (Leonard) Lortie. On Jan. 2, 1962, in Ligonier, she married John Kemp Jr. He preceded her in death in 1985. On Oct. 12, 1992, in Columbia City, she married Franklin Kent. He survives.

Mrs. Kent had been employed as a school bus driver for Smith-Green Community Schools for 19 years. She was a 1955 graduate of Monroeville High School. She had lived in Whitley County since 1966, coming from Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Gloria Green, Jennie Hall and Mrs. Tim (Melynda) Arend, all of Churubusco, and Mrs. John (Diane) Bader of Kendallville; four brothers, John Lortie of New Haven, Earl Lortie of Birch Wood, Wis., Domonic Lortie of Butler, and Paul Lortie of Monroeville; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Michael (Virginia) Yoder of Leesburg; a sister, Mary Kreger of Churubusco; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Barry Fawcett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Larwill Cemetery.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Whitley Home Health Care Hospice.

Birchel Gibson

ANGOLA — Birchel D. Gibson, 38, of Angola, died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday in Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was born Aug. 12, 1958, to Birchel and Lucille (Stevens) Gibson. His mother survives in Cookville, Tenn.

Mr. Gibson was a janitor at 76 Truck Stop in Fremont.

Surviving are five daughters; one son; two brothers, Charles Gibson of Youngstown, Ohio, and Todd Penrod of Angola; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3-6 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Bernice M. Baxter**, 93, died Tuesday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James M. Ott**, 83, died Tuesday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

SYRACUSE — **Samuel A. Cannon**, 18, died Tuesday. Memorial services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Peter Lutheran Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, and one hour before services at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Raymond A. Bird**, 57, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Thomas R. Heaton**, 55, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 4-8 p.m. today.

Raymond Sylvester

FORT WAYNE — Raymond L. Sylvester, 74, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 22, 1922, in Avilla.

Mr. Sylvester retired from S.C.M. Corp. this year after 25 years. Following retirement, he became a Realtor for Century 21 Charleston. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a member of Elks Lodge 155 and American Legion Post 499.

Surviving are his wife, Helen R.; five daughters, Linda Sylvester of Fort Myers, Fla., Diana Raskosky of Kendallville, Debbie Rodriguez of Angola, Jill Perry of Fremont, and Kelly Moreau of Fort Wayne; two sons, Raymond Sylvester Jr. of Fremont, and Steven Sylvester of Angola; a sister, Dorothy Diller of Churubusco; 19 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, Swan.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home

where an Elks Lodge service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the Transitional Care Unit of St. Joseph Medical Center.

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Area Deaths

· AVILLA — Charles H. Bennett, 81, of rural Avilla, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Oakley Gronendyke

AUBURN — Oakley L. Gronendyke, 83, of North Main Street, died Saturday at 2:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He moved to Auburn in 1938 and was a manufacturing engineer for Warner Gear, working at the Muncie and Auburn plants before retiring in 1982 after 50 years' service.



He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and had served as an elder, trustee and deacon. He was a member and past president of the Auburn Rotary Club and was a recipient of Rotary's highest award, the Paul Harris Fellow award. He was a member of the DeKalb County F&AM Lodge 214, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine and the Cedar Creek Shrine Club. He was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and a former member of the Auburn Plan Commission.

He was born Nov. 3, 1913, in Muncie to Homer C. and Cora (Pugsley) Gronendyke, who are deceased.

On Sept. 29, 1945, he married Jean Cox in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a brother, Paul M. Gronendyke of Fort Myers, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Bill Haworth, pastor of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Shriners' Hospital or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Charles Bay

AUBURN — Charles H. Bay, 74, died Saturday at 9 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Bay retired in 1992 with 15 years of service as a self-employed consulting engineer. He had lived in Auburn since 1974. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force, receiving the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was a member of Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn, the Elks Lodge in Paris, Tenn., the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, the Hump Pilots Association, and The 310 Owners of America.

He was born Oct. 2, 1922, in Evanston, Ill., to the late Donald W. and Bernice (Stone) Bay.

He married Marie Watkins on May 27, 1948 in Birmingham, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald W. Bay II of Waterford, Mich.;

one daughter, Marnie Gurmen of Shorewood, Wis.; one sister, Carlin Rodgers of Richardson, Texas; and one grandson.

A memorial service will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Memorial gifts may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Frank Elder Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Frank E. Elder Jr., 80, died Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Elder retired from General Electric Co. after 25 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He lived in Fort Wayne all his life and was a member of Anthony Wayne First Church of God, Summit City Lodge 170, F.&A.M., York Rite Bodies, Mizpah Shrine and the Shrine Band, and American Legion Post 47 and its post band.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Lee and Ricky Kay, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Jill Ann Netzke of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Larry E. Smith and Kippy L. Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Benny A. Smith of Garrett; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Stephen Dunn officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Anthony Wayne First Church of God or Shriner's Children's Hospital, Chicago Unit.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert S. Shell, 74, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Fay Allemier

COLDWATER, Mich. — Fay L. Allemier, 85, died Sunday at Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Allemier had lived in Auburn until 1949. She and her husband owned The Master Bakery in Auburn. She moved to Coldwater and owned and operated the Chester Motel, now an Econo Lodge, from 1949 to 1964. She was a bookkeeper at the Golden Rule children's clothing store in Coldwater from 1964 to 1971. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and active in the church's ladies circles. She also was a member of the American Business & Professional Women's Association.

She was born Oct. 1, 1911, in Delphos, Ohio, to the late Robert and Sarah (Harbert) Patterson.

She married Chester Allemier on May 20, 1934, in Ada, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and David Winney of Coldwater; two grandchildren, Anthony W. Farst of Charleston, S.C., and Lisa Capelli of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and two great-grandchildren, Justin and Jessica Farst.

Services were conducted today at 1 p.m. in Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St., Coldwater. The Rev. Charles Richards officiated, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the United Methodist Church or Branch County Hospice.

Mable Boyd

BRANSON, Mich. — Mable (McNett) Boyd, 85, died Sunday at 4:03 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was a member of East Gilead Congregational Church, East Gilead, Mich.

She was born March 30, 1911, in Angola, to Ross and Lillie (May) McNett. She married Liston Boyd and became a homemaker. Her husband preceded her in death in 1986.

She is survived by two sons, Richard (and wife Peggy) Boyd of Delton, Mich., Jerry (and wife Muriel) Boyd of Chelsea, Mich.; one brother, Merle (and wife Flo-

rence) McNett of Coldwater, Mich.; one sister, Marie (and husband Mark) Rader of Paris, Tenn.; one grandson, Tobin (and wife Sherrie) Boyd; and great-grandson, Christopher Boyd.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sisters.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The Rev. Jim Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, East Gilead, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to East Gilead Congregational Church.

Violet Mansberger

KENDALLVILLE — Violet Mansberger, 83, of Kendallville, died at 8:35 p.m. Monday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marie D. Brundige**, 87, died Saturday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Son Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there after noon on Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Izora Zumbrun** 92, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

KIMMELL — **Donald E. Nei**, 71, died Friday. Services were today in Warsaw.

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Deaths/Funerals

Arthur Maish

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Arthur E. Maish, 89, died Monday in Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Maish was a policeman for 20 years. After retiring, he sold real estate and was a city councilman and county assessor in Frankfort, Ind. He had lived in Clearwater since 1974.

He was born Jan. 6, 1907, in Boone County, Ind., to John W. and Mary Ella Blinn Maish.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Johnson Maish; two sons, the Rev. David Maish of Auburn and John W. Maish of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters, Mary Jane Myers of Richmond, Ind., and Joanne Myers of Tewksbury, Mass.; one sister, Dorothy Ward of Lakeland, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Skycrest United Methodist Church, 2045 Drew St., Clearwater, Fla. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Art Maish Memorial Fund at the church.

Francis McCarthy

ANGOLA — Francis "Bud" Lee McCarthy, 67, died Monday at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed cabinet maker and U.S. Navy veteran. He had attended Great Lakes College of Engineering and the University of Toledo for paralegal training.

He was a member of the St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus, Angola Moose Lodge, International Society of Poets (where he had three poems published) and St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born Feb. 22, 1929, in Detroit, Mich., to Richard G. and Mary (Quigley) McCarthy. His father survives him.

He married Polly (Jent) McCarthy, who survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by six sons, Richard McCarthy of Mount Clemens, Mich., Dr. Robert McCarthy of Winston-Salem, N.C., Kevin M. McCarthy of Fenton, Mich., David M. McCarthy of Denver, and Timothy McCarthy of Mount Clemens, Mich.; three daughters, Kathleen Hinds of Stanwood, Mich., Susan McCarthy of Los Angeles, and Colleen Clearwater of Angola; one brother, Michael Dennis McCarthy of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; one sister, Elizabeth Sharon Gehan of Livonia, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, May McCarthy; one son, Brian Joseph McCarthy, in 1994; and one brother, Charles McCarthy.

Friends may call Thursday from 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin Thursday at 2 p.m. in St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Cremation will be in the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging and Cameron Hospice.

D. Violet Mansberger

KENDALLVILLE — D. Violet Mansberger, 83, of Kendallville, died at 8:35 p.m. Monday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

She was born in Springfield Township, LaGrange County, on June 9, 1913, to Archie and Bessie (Wilson)

Strayer. On Sept. 15, 1935, in Wolcottville, she married Donald Paul Mansberger. He preceded her in death March 9, 1990.

Mrs. Mansberger was a 1931 Wolcottville High School graduate. She moved from Hudson to Kendallville in 1990. She was a homemaker and attended South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Janet) Bassett of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Marion and Bertha Strayer of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Hazel Strayer of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Cynthia Kay Moore of Albion, and Eric Lee Bassett of Avilla; and four great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Jay Moore, Christopher Lee Bassett, Josiah Ethan Moore and Amanda Kay Bassett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, or Hudson United Brethren Church.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — Dakota A. Sharick, Tanner B. Sharick and Lynn C. Sharick, children of Kevin L. and Stephanie L. (Hunter) Sharick, died shortly after birth Monday. Graveside services were held today in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Deaths/Funerals

Glen Derrow

AUBURN — Glen E. Derrow, 76, died Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Derrow worked at Warner Gear for 11 years and was a Richland Township farmer. He lived on County Road 15 in rural Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born June 15, 1920, in DeKalb County to the late Charles and Cora (Bassett) Derrow.

He married Bernice Keller on Aug. 25, 1955, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jim of Waterloo; one stepson, Jack Householder of Hartford, Mo.; five brothers, Howard of Waterloo, Guy and Charles, both of Auburn, Chester of Albion, and Robert of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Gladys Whittig of Auburn, Marie Pruess of Saginaw, Mich., and Helen Sanders of Orland; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Derrow Nain, and four brothers, Wildie, Earl, Arthur and Walter.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rick Garmon of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with graveside military rites by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Corunna Fire Department Rescue Unit.

Myrtle Renfrow

AUBURN — Myrtle J. Renfrow, 73, died Wednesday at 2:19 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient for two days.

She was a homemaker and attended Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Renfrow was born Jan. 5, 1923, in Kentucky to the late Oscar and Laura (Abner) Lindsay.

She married Roscoe Renfrow in 1939 in Kentucky, and he died in 1988.

Surviving are five sons, Oscar C., James O., Leon R. and Richard W., all of Auburn, and Clint T. of Butler; four daughters, Martena J. Fell of Waterloo, Linda L. Fell of Spencerville, Laura E. Harris of Social Circle, Ga., and Mary L. Vintila of Auburn; 32 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Harden and Raymond, and one daughter, Dorothy Renfrow, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rodney Buzzard of Calvary Chapel Worship Center officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Rhyley Topp

FORT WAYNE — Infant Rhyley Myers Topp, 9 months old, died Tuesday at 5:11 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 16, 1996, in Fort Wayne to Mervin and Doreen (Smith) Topp of Fort Wayne. They survive.

Also surviving are one brother, Joshua L., and one sister, Samantha R., both at home; his grandparents, Gerald and Sue Myers of Auburn, and Elizabeth Topp of Fort Wayne; and his great-grandparents, Roscoe and Elezabeth Langston of Churubusco, and Lawrence Topp of Warsaw.

Friends may call Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dan Barker and Father Rohan Dealwis officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to The Children's Wish Foundation at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, or ARC of Allen County.

Lyle Hawes

QUINCY, Mich. — Lyle E. Hawes, 91, died Wednesday at 8:40 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Hawes was a farmer and a bridge and road construction worker. He was a member of the East Ovid United Brethren Church.

He was born July 17, 1905, in Branch County, Mich., to Everett and Nellie (McNitt) Hawes.

His wife of 25 years, Agatha (Varner) Hawes, survives him in Quincy.

He is also survived by one son, Bill Hawes of Quincy; one daughter, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Moore of Quincy; one stepson, Jacob Shank of Tekonsha, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Sharen Shilling of Fort Myers, Fla., and Judith Reimer of Battle Creek, Mich.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beulah Hawes, in 1970.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. Gary Graham will officiate. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery, Branch County.

Memorial gifts may be made to East Ovid United Brethren Church.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Mary O. Anderson**, 84, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 215. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Cecil Swift

ANGOLA — Cecil W. Swift, 101, died Thursday at 4:15 a.m. at his home in Angola.

Mr. Swift was a self-employed tinsmith. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Angola for 73 years.

He was born April 13, 1895, in Metz to D. Brady and Cora (Hanna) Swift. On May 11, 1986, he married Dorothy (Barns) Swift. She survives him.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lila Swift, on May 8, 1984; and one son, Bradley J. Swift in 1973.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with visitation one hour before services. Pastor Arthur Covell will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Janet Bowman

GARRETT — Janet M. Bowman, 59, died Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Bowman was a homemaker and lived on County Road 56, Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born April 23, 1937, in Garrett to Scott and Hazel (Smith) Malcolm. Her mother survives in Garrett and her father is deceased.

She married Robert Boyman on Oct. 8, 1955, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Terry and Kent, both of Garrett, and Jerry of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Scott Malcolm Jr. and Wayne Malcolm, both of Garrett; four sisters, Virginia Tremmel of California, Leah Brillant of Leo, Sharon Bavity of Garrett and Nancy DeLauder of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

One sister, Arlene Burtch, preceded her in death.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 9 a.m. Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Sacred Heart Home.

Rose Schwartz

HARLAN — Rose Schwartz, 53, of Harlan, died Wednesday at 10:44 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schwartz was born July 3, 1943, in Grabill to the late Ezra and Beulah (Yutzy) Miller.

Surviving are her husband, LaVern V. Schwartz; three daughters,

Mildred Wolf of Grabill, Linda Fackler of Leo, and Brenda of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three sons, Samuel and Ezra, both of Harlan, and LaVern Leroy, stationed in Colorado; three sisters, Ruby Payton of Auburn, Lydia Martin of Fort Wayne, and Mildred Meade of Kentucky; and four brothers, Amos Miller of Fort Wayne, Ezra Miller of Portland, Noah Miller of Rockford, Ohio, and Louis Miller of Kentucky.

Two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, and one daughter preceded her in death.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at South Scipio United Methodist Church in Harlan.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family through the church.

Oleva Everett

FORT WAYNE — Oleva G. Everett, 90, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday in Woodview Health-care.

A Garrett native, she was a homemaker.

Her husband, Arthur, preceded her in death in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Grable of LaOtto; a son, Henry Zimmerman of Garrett; a sister, Marie Dunn of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Garden.

Visitation is one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to American Heart Association.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George Ensley

WOLCOTTVILLE — George R. Ensley, 71, of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, died Thursday morning in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne, Oct. 14, 1925, to Maxwell G. and Alice (Rowler) Ensley. On Sept. 12, 1946, in Fort Wayne, he married Lois Wood. She preceded him in death Dec. 8, 1994.



Ensley

Mr. Ensley retired in 1987 after 40 years of service with Fruehauf Trailer Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a Marine Corps veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash.

An active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Ensley served as state commander from 1988-89. He was 4th District commander from 1960-62 and was a charter and life member as well as past commander of VFW Post 10006. He also had served on various national committees. He volunteered at the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center. He was past commander of Marine Corps League in Fort Wayne, and a member of Simpson United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 82, and Fruehauf Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are two sons, George Robert Ensley of Woodburn, and Ronald L. Ensley of Rome City; a daughter, Pamela K. Scherschel of Huntertown; three brothers, John W. Ensley of Fort Wayne, Richard E. Ensley of Wolcottville, and Kenneth R. Ensley of Garland, Texas; a sister, E. Jean McQueen of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Corey Scherschel, Craig Scherschel and Adam Scherschel, all of Huntertown, and Jake Ensley, Kristin Cochran and Kevin Cochran, all of Rome City.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, Howard and Albert J. Ensley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Sylvia E. Hursey, 92, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Neva F. Swineheart, 81, died Thursday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

John Byer

FORT WAYNE — John L. Byer, 76, died Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Byer was a draftsman at Fruehauf in Fort Wayne for 17 years, retiring in 1982. He was also a draftsman for ITT in Fort Wayne for three years. He was a member of Grabill Missionary Church and lived in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 8, 1920, in Knoxville, Tenn., to the late Charles and Anna (Hiestand) Byer.

He married Isabel Foote on Aug. 26, 1949, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Janice Guillaume of Grand Rapids, Mich., one sister, Martha Wissler of Lititz, Pa.; his mother-in-law, Helen Foote of Leo; and three granddaughters, Jamie, Jennifer and Jessica Guillaume, all of Grand Rapids.

A sister, Mary Byer, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Monday at 1 p.m. at Grabill Missionary Church, with calling after noon at the church. The Rev. Bill Lepley will officiate, with burial

in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to World Missionary Press.

Freda Murden

AUBURN — Freda Arlene Murden, 77, died Thursday at 4:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was retired from Eagle-Picher, and was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Steuben County to Fred and Edith (Beebe) Lininger. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Donald Lininger.

She is survived by three sons, Philip of Leo, Neal of Angola, and James of Orland; two sisters, Velma Deller of Inverness, Fla., and Willa Penick of Angola; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. A private burial service will take place in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Fund.

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The Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 9, 1996

Deaths/Funerals

Sarah Foley

AUBURN — Sarah B. Foley, 107, died Friday at 4:55 p.m. in Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Foley was a homemaker and lived on East Seventh Street in Auburn. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.



Mrs. Foley

She was born Dec. 26, 1888, in Springfield, Ohio, to John S. and Brigid (Nolan) Bailey. She married George Leo Foley in June 1920 in Springfield, Ohio, and he died on July 29, 1978.

She is survived by a son, John L. Foley of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. There will be no calling.

A Mass will be conducted on Mrs. Foley's birthday, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Behm

NOBLESVILLE — Harold K. Behm, 57, died Friday at 7:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Behm was the administrator for DeKalb Health Care in Auburn. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, where he was an elder; the Auburn Rotary Club and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

He was born Oct. 3, 1939, in Spring Valley, Wis., to the late Herbert and Hertha (Frieberg) Behm.

Surviving are his wife, Karen L. (Meyer) Behm; one daughter, Jennifer L. Behm of Noblesville; one son, David K. Behm of Nashville, Tenn.; and one brother, Wayne H. Behm of Downers Grove, Ill.

Private family services were conducted today in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with burial in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

A public memorial service was held today at 4 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, Noblesville, where the family received friends after the service. The Rev. Paul Dunklau officiated.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Kristin Klein

LIGONIER — Kristin M. Klein, 12, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in her Ligonier home.

She was a student at West Noble Middle School and a member of the sixth-grade volleyball team. She attended Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Auburn.

Miss Klein was born Sept. 12, 1984. Her father, Steven A. Klein, survives in Fort Wayne and her mother, Pamela J. (Warren) Klein, survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are one brother, L. Adam Klein of Ligonier; one sister, Alison N. Klein of Ligonier; her grandparents, Jerry and Gloria Klein of Auburn, A.J. Warren of Reelsville, and Janice M. Warren of Corunna; and her great-grandparents, Theresa Grant of Logansport and Mazie D. Warren of Reelsville.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl of Calvary Chapel of Waterloo officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Mildred Nelson

ANGOLA — Mildred M. Nelson, 88, died at 11:54 a.m. Friday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a retired dormitory mother at Tri-State University, Angola, and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born on March 20, 1908, in Hubbell, Mich., to Thomas and Elizabeth (Harris) James. She married Oscar L. Nelson. He preceded her in death in 1957.

She is survived by one son, Willis Nelson of Angola; two daughters, Irene Gecowets of Westerville, Ohio, and Mary Nelson of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald Nelson, in 1996; and a daughter, Barbara Weiss, in 1993.

Funeral services were held earlier today at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. James Butler officiated. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church.

Doris Yohey

ANGOLA — Doris I. Yohey, 73, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday at her home in Angola.

She was born on March 6, 1923, in Indiana to Calvin and Gladys (Hayes) Mower. She married Ralph Yohey and became a housewife.

She is survived by three sons, Robert Yohey and Ronald Yohey, both of Angola, and Richard Yohey of Kalamazoo, Mich.; five daughters, Sharon Hartwick of Kalamazoo, Diane Powell and Joyce Buckley, both of Angola, Gail Nowman of Kalamazoo, and Kathleen Czarnecki of Charlotte, Mich.; one sister, Birdie Heath of Battle Creek, Mich.; 27 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph Yohey, on Dec. 10, 1993; one son, Ralph Eugene Yohey; one brother; and one sister.

Friends may call today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Ronilda Grindle

LIGONIER — Ronilda J. Grindle, 64, of Ligonier, died at 3:05 a.m. today in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She had been ill since 1993.

She was born Feb. 16, 1932, in Anderson to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith Sr. On July 2, 1956, in Cromwell, she married Richard A. Grindle and he survives.

Mrs. Grindle had lived in Ligonier three years and was formerly of Warsaw.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Lee Ann Baucher of Ligonier, and Linda Newman of Louisiana, Mo.; three brothers, Ralph Smith Jr. of Anderson, William Smith of Oregon, and Everett Smith of Garrett; two sisters, Betty Adams of Michigan, and Madonna Hughes of Anderson; and three grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Hutchins

MADISON — Robert C. L. Hutchins, 66, died Saturday at his daughter's home in Cincinnati.

A former Fremont resident, Mr. Hutchins moved to Madison in southeastern Indiana. He was a tooling engineer for Grote Manufacturing in Madison for 10 years and worked for Buckeye Molding, New Vienna, Ohio, for 23 years.

He was born Dec. 13, 1929, in Steuben County to Bruce and Leila (Hoot) Hutchins. He married Phyllis (Smart) Hutchins, his wife for 46 years. She survives him in Madison.

He is also survived by two sons, Douglas (and wife, Jackie) Hutchins, and Erric (and wife, Becky) Hutchins, of Cincinnati; two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Deborah) Hile and Mrs. Paul (Michelle) Rooney, of Cincinnati; one brother, William Hutchins of Fremont; two sisters, Eleanor Abbot of Canal Winchester, Ohio, and Janet McKinley of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5-8:30 p.m. on Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Schmidt-Dhonau Funeral Home, 10980 Reading Road, Cincinnati.

Memorial gifts may be made to Christ Hospital Cancer Research, Cincinnati.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Donald B. Stuckey, 82, died Saturday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Thursday in St. James Chapel of Howe Military School. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — Marie R. DeGraff, 95, died Saturday. Grave-side services were today in Orange Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling. Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ROME CITY — Harold Pence, 85, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Billie Sharon Conley died Saturday. Services at noon Tuesday in New Freedom Baptist Church, LaGrange. Calling after 1 p.m. today in the church where an evening service will be held at 7 p.m. today. Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Jill Maillard

ANGOLA — Jill D. Maillard, 48, died at 9:15 p.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an accident in Helmer.

She was self-employed as a route saleswomen.

She was born on April 23, 1948, in Neodesha, Kan., to Victor and Ellen (James) Vickers. They survive her in Lamar, Mo. On Sept. 12, 1970, she married John Maillard, who survives.

She is also survived by one son, Edward Victor Maillard of Helmer; two daughters, Claudia Jo Lewis of Powell, and Heather Diane Voitcu of Summit, N.J.; one brother, Charles Martin Vickers of Topeka, Kan.; two sisters, Nancy Boxum of Angola, and Virginia Jones of Ormond Beach, Fla.; and one grandchild, Jacqueline Maillard.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The Rev. Robert Staup will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Helen Cole

ANGOLA — Helen M. Cole, 86, died at 4:45 a.m. Monday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

A former Montpelier, Ohio, resident, she was a clerical worker for the Williams County General Hospital in Montpelier, and at one time was a secretary for Dr. Lyman in Bryan, Ohio. She was a member of the Montpelier Women of the Moose.

She was born Sept. 5, 1910, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Daniel and Pearl (Lockhart) Long. She married Eston Cole. He preceded her in death in January, 1991.

She is survived by one son, Gene Heist of Angola; one sister, Grace Shumaker of Pioneer, Ohio; two grandchildren, Mindy (and husband Don) Elledge and Kevin Heist; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, 204 E. Main St., Montpelier.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Dr. Jerel L. Jackson will officiate. Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cancer Assistance of Williams County.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Donald M. List**, 89, died Sunday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and after 1 p.m. Wednesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruby E. Gilliam**, 89, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Columbia City United Methodist Church. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

GRABILL — **Mary M. Fordham**, 84, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hockmeyer Funeral Home in Harlan, and one hour before services at the church.

NEW HAVEN — **Fermin H. Dohm**, 75, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in First Assembly of God, 3301 E. Coliseum Blvd. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Jack Tritch

ANGOLA — Jack E. Tritch, 50, died Monday at 2 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after suffering an injury at home.

He was employed by Masonry Unlimited of Fremont and was the former co-owner of Jack & Randy's Auto Service, Fremont. He was formerly employed at L.G. Maxton Sales, Angola.

He was born Oct. 1, 1946, in Angola to Orlo and Blanche (Hammann) Tritch. On Oct. 1, 1991, he married Mary (Monroe) Tritch. She survives him.

He is also survived by his stepmother, Anne Tritch of Pleasant Lake; his mother, Blanche Stephenson of Venice, Fla.; one stepbrother, Fred Schroeder of Evergreen, Colo.; and one sister, Nancy Roth of Port Charlotte, Fla.

A remembrance gathering will be held at the Angola Holiday Inn on Friday from 5-9 p.m. Cremation will be at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Northeastern Conservation Club, P.O. Box 256, Fremont, for the Kids Fishing Derby program.

Ruby Bunn

GARRETT — Ruby G. Bunn, 83, died Monday at 10:40 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Bunn was homemaker and lived on Hamsher Street in Garrett. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

She was born March 8, 1913, in Centralia, Mo., to the late Aaron and Esther (Raber) Oyer.

She married Russell Bunn on June 8, 1931, in Napoleon, Ohio, and he died Jan. 6, 1996.

She is survived by one brother, Homer L. Oyer of Woodburn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy Oyer and Harley Oyer, and two sisters, Viola Neuen-schwander and Sylvia Oyer.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Reynold Thomas

GARRETT — Reynold D. "Ren" Thomas, 84, died Tuesday at 3:40 a.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a bartender at the Oasis in St. Joe, retiring in 1974. He lived in South Cowen Street in Garrett and was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Mr. Thomas was born Sept. 21, 1912, in Auburn to the late Harry L. and Hazel (Dickinson) Thomas.

He married Kathryn M. Hollis on April 10, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, and she died Sept. 2, 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Jill Baker of Fort Wayne, Judi Warrix of Auburn and Patricia Magnuson of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; two sons, Randy of Garrett and Joe of

Angola; two brothers, Hoyt of Fort Wayne and Eugene of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Roland, and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Keith Wilmot

AUBURN — Keith L. Wilmot, 80, of Auburn, died Friday at 11:40 p.m. in his residence.

A lifetime DeKalb County resident, Mr. Wilmot was a brakeman for the B&O Railroad, retiring in 1978 with 30 years' service.

He was born May 19, 1916. On March 21, 1969, he married Pauline Vandzura in Albion and she survives in Auburn.

Private graveside services were conducted today in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Hospice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Eugene Boitet Jr.

AUBURN — Eugene Gail Boitet Jr., 75, died today at 6:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Boitet lived in Auburn. He retired in 1985 from his work as an oiler for Falstaff Brewing Co., after 30 years of service. He was a World War II veteran, serving in Africa, Sicily and Italy with a bomb disposal unit. He was a member of American Legion Post 330 in New Haven.

He was born Nov. 25, 1925, in Valparaiso to the late Eugene G. Boitet Sr. and Justeen (Tomlinson) Boitet.

He married Imogene Hartman Conrad on Jan. 29, 1968. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepsons, James Eric Conrad and John David Conrad, both of Auburn; one stepbrother, Robert Meyer of Bingen, Ind.; three stepsisters, Martha Spade of Fort Wayne, Eileen Morrison of Ohio and Eleanor Kerr of Valparaiso; and five stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home.

A graveside service will take place Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate, with military rites by New Haven American Legion Post 330.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Gerig Center for Hope in care of DeKalb County Operation Shelter, 315 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Floyd R. Shank, 76, died Friday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bothell, Wash.

HOWE — M. Isabel Watson, 73, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Lima Presbyterian Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Warren Sunday

AUBURN — Prominent local attorney Warren G. Sunday, 76, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sunday graduated from Wabash High School and was at Manchester College when World War II began. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he flew Corsairs from aircraft carriers in the Pacific and served as an instructor. He left the Navy as a lieutenant, senior grade, after about three years of service to return to Manchester, where he earned his undergraduate degree.

He taught civics and government history for a year at LaFontaine High School, where he also coached the basketball team. He joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent in the criminal division and served four years, primarily in the Philadelphia area.

He earned his law degree at Indiana University at Indianapolis just before moving to Auburn. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed DeKalb County prosecutor and then was elected to a full term. After leaving office as prosecutor, Mr. Sunday started his own law practice, which he continued for 42 years until his retirement in 1995.

Mr. Sunday was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Rotary Club, Moose and Elks clubs.

He was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Wabash to Fred and Myrtle Sunday.

He married Eleanor Logan on Aug. 12, 1943. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Warren G. Sunday II of Auburn; two daughters, Jill Sunday and Robin Mitchell, both of Anchorage, Alaska; sons-in-law David Sunday and David Mitchell; and five grandchildren, Christine and Joshua Sunday of Auburn, and David Scott, Lindsay and Kirsten Mitchell of Anchorage.

There will be no services or calling, but a private family memorial service will take place. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be given to a charity or church of the donor's choice, or to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wilton, N.H. 03086.

Area Deaths

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HOWE — **M. Isabel Watson**, 73, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Lima Presbyterian Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Michael Rathert

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Michael Lawrence Rathert, 52, died Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Rathert was in manufacturing management and lived in Bowling Green, Ky. He was a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

He was born Feb. 1, 1944, in Waterloo to Lawrence and Delores Rathert. His father survives in Auburn and his mother is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, LaVerne; three daughters, Gail Lynn Seigler of Franklin, Tenn., Jennifer Michelle Shepherd of Wisconsin, and Stephanie Nicole Rathert of Coldwater, Mich.; one brother, Larry of Bronson, Mich.; one sister, Sandy Winshell of Hillsdale, Mich., and two grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 11:30 a.m.-9: p.m. in Massey Funeral Home at Bowling Green.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Glendale Baptist Church of Bowling Green. Burial will be in Bowling Green Gardens Cemetery.

Timothy Sarver

DEERFIELD, Mich. — Timothy J. Sarver, 32, died Thursday evening from injuries suffered in a two-car automobile accident in Blissfield Township. He formerly lived in Camden, Mich.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Tagsgold Funeral Home, 301 S. Lane St., Blissfield, Mich.

Services will take place Monday at noon in the First United Brethren Church, Blissfield. Burial will be

Monday at 3 p.m. in Osborne Cemetery, Amboy Township, Mich.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Ruth C. Myers**, 77, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today in St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Visitation is today from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Funk

AUBURN — Robert L. Funk, 67, died Saturday at 2:15 p.m. in Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mr. Funk lived on County Road 38, Auburn. He worked for Mid-western United Life Insurance, Fort Wayne and Securities Life Insurance Co. in Denver for a total of 46 years, retiring in 1994. He served in the National Guard and was a member of the County Line Church of God.



Funk

He was born May 19, 1929, in Smithfield Township to the late Lorin H. and Cora (Kohart) Funk.

He married Nila J. Cool on July 12, 1969, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin of Show Low, Ariz., Jeffrey of Auburn, and Daniel of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Shannon Trunell of Highland, Calif.; one brother, Orville of St. Joe; one sister, Lola Phillips of Waterloo; and five grandchildren, Brandon, Josh and Lyndsey Funk, and Ryan and Braden Trunell.

One brother, Richard, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Alan Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice or the County Line Church of God.

Lydia Grandstaff

ANGOLA — Lydia Dietrich Grandstaff, 95, of Angola, died Friday at Lakeland Nursing Center.

She was a member of the Church of God in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Aug. 11, 1901, in Lagrange, Ill. She married Albert Grandstaff and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Gladys May of Angola, and Clara Griffith of Apache Junction, Ariz.; one sister, Anna Vandyne of Angola; 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one daughter, Vonetta O'Hare; and two brothers, Fred Dietrich and Chris Dietrich.

Graveside services will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio. The Rev. J. Glenn Radclife will officiate. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Barna

SOUTH WHITLEY — Robert J. Barna, 72, died Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in his South Whitley home.

Mr. Barna was a former resident and businessman in Roanoke for 18 years. He owned Roanoke Nursing Home and was a farmer. He graduated from Salamonie High School in Jay County in 1946 and attended Western Michigan University. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, a member of the Roanoke post of the American Legion and South Whitley Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Cleveland to the late Sylvester and Julia (Kaschack) Barna.

He married Bonnie Brehm on April 14, 1978, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robin of Auburn; two daughters, Ellen (Mrs. Don) Stuckey of Auburn and Bobbi-Jo Barna of Burbank, Calif.; one stepson, Donald Crawford of South Whitley; one sister, Betty Belna of Rockford, Ohio; four brothers, Eugene, Richard and Ronald, all of Rockford, and William, of Louisville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Myers Funeral Home-Huntington Chapel, Huntington.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Father Philip Widmann officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke.

Memorial contributions may be given to Whitley County Hospice.

Lillian Peters

AVILLA — Lillian M. (Rasler) Peters, 64, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday at her residence. She had been ill with cancer for 14 months.

Mrs. Peters was born March 12, 1932, in Avilla to Martin P. and Edna K. (Weimer) Juengel. On June 14, 1952, in Avilla, she married Homer W. Rasler, who died Feb. 23, 1979. On Aug. 30, 1987, in Avilla, she married Gene "Pete" Peters, who survives.

The 1951 graduate of Avilla High School owned Rasler Liquor Store in Kendallville for 13 years and was a partner in Rasler Tax Service in Kendallville. Also, she was a former V&A Restaurant employee. She retired from Rivnut Engineered Products Inc., Kendallville, in 1994 as a quality control inspector.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, for more than 50 years. Also, she was a member and past president of Avilla American Legion Auxiliary 240 and a member of the Kendallville Bowling Association.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas L. Rasler and Homer W. Rasler II, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cosette M. Wentworth of Albion and Rita J. Clifton of Avilla; two stepsons, Chad Wappes and Bret Peters, both of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Sherry Woodworth of Garrett; one brother, Phillip Juengel of Preble; one sister, Esther Grawcock of Avilla; and four grandchildren, Tabitha J. Rasler of Evansville, Tanya L. Rasler, Tia M. Rasler of Versailles and Braden H. Wentworth.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and in the church one hour before services Wednesday. Memorials to American Cancer Society.



Robert Walters

BUTLER — Robert L. Walters, 65, died Sunday at 11:40 a.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Mr. Walters retired from Hendrickson Tandem in 1992 after 30 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict. He was a member of Butler Post 202 of the American Legion, and Waterloo Post 6572 of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Auburn to Melvin and Mildred (Fisher) Walters.

He married Janis M. Gorsage in Chicago on Feb. 6, 1954. She died Feb. 10, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Rick of Butler and Randy of St. Joe; three brothers, Donald and David, both of Auburn, and Kenneth of Ruskin, Fla.; five sisters, Dorothy Oly of Fort Wayne, Ruth Lyon of Ruskin, Fla., Judy Osburn and Nila Zeller, both of Auburn, and Maxine Teller of Angola; and seven grandchildren.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach, pastor of Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services.

Marjorie Vondran

NEW HAVEN — Marjorie F. Vondran, 79, died Friday in her residence.

Mrs. Vondran was born April 2, 1917, in Edon, Ohio, to Clarence and Rosella (Hug) Camp. Her husband, Louis Vondran, preceded her in death in 1967.

The 60-year resident of New Haven was a cook in the East Allen County Schools for many years. She retired as assistant manager at Schlatter Hardware in Georgetown.

She was a member of New Haven United Methodist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Jane Hockemeyer of New Haven; four sons, Fred Vondran, William Vondran and Michael Vondran, all of New Haven, and Duaine Vondran of Wolcottville; one brother, Russell Camp of Butler; four sisters, Mabel Osburne of Antwerp, Ohio, Frances Mason of Butler, and Dorothy Mavis and Eileen Word, both of Edgerton, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. today at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 E. Lincoln Highway. Burial was in New Haven I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

Michael Rathert

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Michael Lawrence Rathert, 52, died Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

He worked in manufacturing management and was a 1962 graduate of Waterloo High School. He served in the submarine division of the U.S. Navy for four years. He was a member of Glendale Baptist Church and lived in Bowling Green, Ky.

He was born Feb. 1, 1944, in Waterloo to Lawrence and Delores Rathert. His father survives in Auburn and his mother is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, LaVerne; two daughters, Jennifer Michelle Sheperd of Eau Claire, Wis., and Stephanie Nicole Rathert of Coldwater, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Gail Lynn Seigler of Franklin, Tenn.; one brother, Larry of Bronson, Mich.; one sister, Sandy Winchell of Hillsdale, Mich.; one stepbrother, Jeff Rathert of Angola; one grandson and one step-grandson.

Services took place Sunday in Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green, with burial in Bowling Green Gardens Cemetery.

Viola Martenies

FREMONT — Viola M. Martenies, 87, of Fremont, died Saturday at 11:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born July 10, 1909 in Hillsdale, Mich., to Frank and Minnie (Harrington) Camp. She married George Martenies and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1972.

She is survived by two daughters, Joyce Worthington of Angola, and Phyllis Kurtz of Napoleon, Mich.; three sons, Donald of Rogers City, Mich., Raymond of Mark Center, Ohio, and James of Hicksville, Ohio; one sister, Blance Hesselman of Fort Myers, Fla.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling one hour before the funeral. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery, Camden, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

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Norma Koch

GANN VALLEY, S.D. — Norma Ruth (James) Koch, 63, died Saturday in St. Luke Medical Center in Aberdeen.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1933, in Collamer, Ind., to Walter S. and Roxy C. (Paul) Smith. She graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne and Carlton College in Northfield, Minn. She received a master's degree from the University of South Dakota.

On June 6, 1955, she married Harold D. Koch. He survives.

Mrs. Koch was a homemaker, and member and pianist at Gann Valley Congregational Church. She was also bookkeeper for the family business, Koch Manufacturing.

She was active in Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron in 1986.

Surviving with her husband are her mother, Roxy Smith of the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla; three sons, Douglas D. Koch of Gann Valley, Dedrick R. Koch and his wife, Bonnie, of Vermillion, S.D., and Jay C. Koch and his wife, Donna, of Aberdeen; three brothers, Gene K. Smith and Rick P. Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Virgil Smith of Fremont; two sisters, Mrs.

Rick (Judith) Kneisley of Torrence, Calif., and Mrs. John (Carol) Ramsey of Kendallville, and four grandchildren, Travis and Nicole Koch of Vermillion, and Harmony and Melody Koch of Aberdeen. She was preceded in death by her father and a grandson, Dustin Koch.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Gann Valley Congregational Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Kim McKee

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Kim C. McKee, 41, died Sunday at his home in Montgomery, Mich., following a long illness.

Mr. McKee was a manager of sales education for Aramis Inc. He graduated from Leesburg High School in 1973 and received a degree in theater arts from Florida State University.

He was born April 4, 1955, in Garrett to Glen and Sue "Eileen" (Moughler) McKee. They survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Rhonda Magamoll of Leesburg, Fla., Debra Lewis of Fruitland Park, Fla.; his grandmother, Majel Moughler of Ossian; one niece, Kady Lewis; and three nephews, Matthew Lewis, Kyle Magamoll and Karson Magamoll.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in St. John-White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Camden United Methodist Church, Camden, Mich. The Rev. Diane Stone will officiate. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Leesburg, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Sturgis.

A service also will be held Satur-

day at New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park. Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Fla., is in charge of those arrangements.

Robert Walters

BUTLER — Robert L. Walters, 65, died Sunday at 11:40 a.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach, pastor of Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services.

Memorial donations may be made to the Eastside Scholarship Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Walters retired from Hendrickson Tandem in 1992 after 30 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict. He was a member of Butler Post 202 of the American Legion, and Waterloo Post 6572 of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Auburn to Melvin and Mildred (Fisher) Walters.

He married Janis M. Gorsage in Chicago on Feb. 6, 1954. She died Feb. 10, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Rick of Butler and Randy of St. Joe; three brothers, Donald and David, both of Auburn, and Kenneth of Ruskin, Fla.; five sisters, Dorothy Olry of Fort Wayne, Ruth Lyon of Ruskin, Fla., Judy Osburn and Nila Zeller, both of Auburn, and Maxine Teller of Angola; and seven grandchildren.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — Murray A. Hedges, 87, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there from 4 to 8 p.m. today.



Deaths/Funerals

Audra Maxton

BUTLER — Audra L. Maxton, 91, died Monday at 8:40 p.m. in Friendship Village at Columbus, Ohio.

She and her husband formerly owned Maxton Motors in Butler. She was a 1926 graduate of Tri-State College and taught in Steuben County and city schools. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Butler Business and Professional Women, and a 50-year member of Forest Chapter 44, Order of Eastern Star. She also was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Maxton was born Sept. 28, 1905, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to the late Cassius and Lena (Shumaker) Zimmer.

She married Carroll J. Maxton on Aug. 17, 1926, in Angola, and he died Jan. 7, 1992.

Surviving her are one son, Jack of Westerville, Ohio; one daughter, Jane Bodnar of Pittsfield, Mass.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth Zimmer, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside Community Foundation or the Butler United Methodist Church.

George Church

AUBURN — George Church, 82, died Tuesday at 11 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Church was a DeKalb County farmer and was a manager at Stonestreet Gravel in Ligonier, retiring in 1980.

He was born May 10, 1914, in Auburn to the late William and Rose Church.

He married Wilma Blackwell on April 8, 1939, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sandy Miskuff of Atlanta, Ga., and Sharon Cobbs of Pine Island, Fla.; three sisters, Florence Bassett and Ruth Wilmot, both of Auburn, and Alice Shaffer of Garrett; and seven grandchildren, Ty Cobbs, Todd Cobbs, Laura Hiler, Lynda Fuhrer, Georganna Hoffman, Robin Buck and Dean Miskuff; and nine great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Private family services will be conducted Saturday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Harriette Witherspoon

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Harriette M. Witherspoon, 90, died Monday afternoon at Northside Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio.

She had been employed by the Sears Department Store in Youngstown, working in the drapery department for more than 16 years and retiring in 1971. She had lived at Ron Joy Nursing Home in Youngstown.

She was a graduate of Garrett High School and moved to the Youngstown area in the early 1960s.

Mrs. Witherspoon was born May 3, 1906, in Garrett to the late Edwin and Pearl (Flake) Rowley. Her husband, David Witherspoon, died Feb. 8, 1969.

A sister, Bernice Woodcox, also preceded her in death.

Services took place today at 1 p.m. in Higgins Funeral Home Boardman-Canfield Chapel, 3701 Starr's Centre Drive, Canfield, Ohio.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Michael Rathert

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The name of a surviving stepmother, Eleanor "Kelly" Rathert, was omitted from Monday's obituary for Michael Lawrence Rathert. We apologize for the error.

Mr. Rathert died Dec. 10 in Nashville, Tenn. Services were conducted Sunday in Bowling Green.

Area Deaths

MIDDLEBURY — Mabel A. Kauffman, 79, a native of LaGrange County, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Forks Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Ted Eash and the Rev. Phil Yoder officiating. Burial in Forest Grove Cemetery. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

ELKHART — Hubert E. LeCount, 72, brother of a Howe resident, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Central Christian Church, Elkhart, with the Rev. John Hart officiating. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Elkhart, and in the church one hour before services Thursday.

SHIPSHEWANA — Benjamin J. Miller, 18, a native of LaGrange, died at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich., of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Monday in Shippshewana. Services are at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jerry Schwartz home, 5770 W — 200 N, Shippshewana. Calling is after 2 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at the family home, 5865 W — 200 N, Shippshewana.



Deaths/Funerals

William Fast.

ANGOLA — William J. Fast Sr., 70, died Wednesday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he had moved to Angola in 1979 from St. Mary's, Ohio. He was a press operator for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in St. Mary's.

He was a life member of Disabled American Veterans; a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of St. Mary's; and a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born March 21, 1926, in St. Mary's to Delbert and Mary (Grubb) Fast.

On May 4, 1946, he married Marie (Prate) Fast. She survives him in Angola.

He also is survived by three sons, William J. Fast Jr. of Sidney, Ohio, James Fast of St. Mary's, and Michael Fast of Angola; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eugene Fast in 1995.

Funeral services will begin at 1

p.m. Friday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Friends may call one hour before the service.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Romaine Lantz**, 88, died Tuesday in Lakeland Rehab and Health Center, Milford. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Maple Grove Church of the Brethren. Calling is from 7-9 p.m. today in Reith-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home and at the church one hour before services Friday.

ARTHUR, Ill. — **Andrew D. Yoder**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Arthur Mennonite Church with the Revs. Phil Schrock and Bill Keep officiating. Calling is from 1-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. today at the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Donald Dickison

GARRETT — Donald H. Dickison, 80, died Thursday at Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nev.

Mr. Dickison worked in production control for General Electric for 38 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, the G.E. Quarter Club and the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 7, 1916, in Williams County, Ohio, to Henry J. and Vera B. (Hepker) Dickison, both now deceased.

He married Catherine J. Case on July 7, 1934 in Pioneer, Ohio, and she died Dec. 31, 1980.

Survivors include a son, Donald K. of Auburn; four daughters, Dr. Shirley A. Phillips of Freeland, Mich., Sharon K. Brown of Sacramento, Calif., Sandra S. Handrich of Reno and Sunny D. Cook of Urbana, Ohio; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert D. of Garrett.

Funeral services will take place Sunday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Friends may call Saturday from 5-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Children First Center in Auburn.

Robert Walsh

KENDALLVILLE — Robert C. Walsh, 62, died at 7:48 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walsh was born May 9, 1934, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Frank and Erma (Kruger) Walsh. On Dec. 24, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Annette Watson, who survives.

He was retired from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville and was a member of Gospel Lighthouse Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Hankey and Elsie Kerkes, both of Kendallville; four sons, Robert C. Walsh Jr., Anthony Walsh and Duane Walsh, all of Kendallville, and Roger Walsh of Auburn; three sisters, Mary Kovch, Margaret Walsh and Eline Hochadel, all of Warren, Ohio; and two brothers, John Walsh and Thomas Walsh, both of Warren; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Gospel Lighthouse Church with the Rev. Carter Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Kathryn Method

GOSHEN — Kathryn M. Method, 91, died Wednesday.

Mrs. Method was born March 23, 1905, in Auburn to Henry and Effie (Stafford) Bartels. On June 9, 1929, in Goshen, she married Guy Method, who preceded her in death Oct. 18, 1970.

The graduate of Lima High School, Howe, attended South Bend Business College for one year. She worked in the office of I-XL Furniture Co. for 11 years, and operated a grocery store and filling station in Columbia City from 1936 to 1955. From 1955 to 1971, she worked in the Elkhart County recorder's office.

She was a member of the New Paris Church of the Brethren.

Surviving is a brother, Harold "Doc" Bartels of Benton Harbor, Mich.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Bartels, in 1924.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reith-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. Ron Sherck, pastor of New Paris Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Goshen General Hospital's Care at Home Services/Hospice.

Richard Eakright

BUTLER — Richard E. Eakright, 73, died today at 4 a.m. at his home in Butler.

A World War II Army veteran, he retired in 1991 after 28 years as a tire inspector for B.F. Goodrich. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born Nov. 29, 1923, in Waterloo to Earl and Agnes (Luce) Eakright.

On Apr. 29, 1949, he married Melva Provines in Butler. She survives him at home.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Samuel and Diane Eakright of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Virgil and Barbara Jean Kimes of Auburn, and six grandchildren, Larry and Andrew Kimes and Mathew, Justin, Stephanie and Molly Eakright.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, and memorial gifts may be presented to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Gladys Coleman

KENDALLVILLE — Gladys O. Coleman, 85, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday at Kendallville ExtendaCare Inc.

Mrs. Coleman was born Jan. 11, 1911, in Avilla to Bruce Franklin and Byrd (Forker) Good. On Aug. 30, 1930, in Salem Center, she married Carl L. Coleman, who preceded her in death Jan. 6, 1989.

She was a homemaker and a member of Faith United Methodist Church of Kendallville and its Naomi Ruth Circle.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Evelyn) Thiem of Kendallville; two sons, Lee "Bud" Coleman of Fort Wayne and Eugene Coleman of El Paso, Texas; and five grandchildren, Cheryl Bunch of Angola, David Thiem of Kendallville, Debra Zayaz of Kansas City, Mo., Linda Huff of Fort Wayne and Steven Coleman of Fort Wayne.

One brother preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Toole, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral

Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Ida Eash**, 84, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in her home at C.R. 3530N — 675W, with Bishop Marvin Bontrager and the Rev. Jerry Yoder officiating. Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday in her home.

LAGRANGE — **John E. Fry**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Hazel Ott**, 80, a native of Wolf Lake, died Thursday. Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Monday at the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. There will be no calling.

ALBION — **Ira Wright**, 91, died today at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Asbury United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and at the church one hour before services Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Kizer

GARRETT — Thomas E. Kizer, 77, of Garrett, died Friday at 1:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Kizer was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a lifetime Garrett resident. He operated a drill press at Warner Gear in Auburn for 18 years and retired in 1982. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Kendallville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Aug. 29, 1919, in Kendallville to Lake W. and Maude U. (Wilson) Kizer, who preceded him in death.

On Dec. 16, 1943, in Garrett, he married Elaine J. Lewis, who survives at their home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lynn Alderman of Decatur; three sisters, Bettie Smith of Kendallville, Sue Henney of Kendallville, and Myrtle "Scottie" Seidel of Kendallville; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ariel D. Kizer.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will take place Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Carolyn Schaefer

AUBURN — Carolyn A. Schaefer, 93, died Friday at 10:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Schaefer was a homemaker. She was born May 11, 1903, in Cincinnati to George and Christina (Miller) Oberlander, both now deceased.

She married Edward Schaefer on May 28, 1924, in Cincinnati, and he survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Georgette List of Longmont, Colo., and a niece, Sylia Wetzel of Hamilton.

Two brothers, Ted and Henry, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Father Dave Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Area Deaths

BATON ROUGE, La. — Sanford N. Harrod Jr., 73, brother of a Kendallville resident, died Dec. 12 in Baton Rouge, La. Services were held Dec. 14 in Baton Rouge.

WABASH — Charles Albert Sigsby Jr., 61, of Wabash, died Thursday in Wabash. Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Main Street Chapel, Wabash. Funeral services follow at 10:30 a.m. Burial is at Memorial Lawns Cemetery/Garden of Valor, Wabash.

Leonard Selinske

ANGOLA — Leonard J. Selinske, 81, died Monday at 12:01 Monday at his home in Angola.

He was a self-employed painter and decorator and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Clair, Mich., and St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born July 4, 1915, in Detroit to August and Rose Selinske. He married Gladys (Votens) Selinske, who preceded him in death in 1994.

He is survived by one daughter, Dianne Locascio of Angola; one brother, John Selinske of Tuscon, Ariz.; one sister, Irene Brooks of Warren, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Selinske in 1977 and Edward Selinske in 1996.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola. Father James Novak and Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalis, Mich.

Linden Birchfield

FREMONT — Linden R. Birchfield Sr., 63, died Thursday at 12:01 p.m. at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Birchfield was a shop foreman at Swager Communications. He was a member of the Gold Wing Road Rider's Association Chapter Q.

He was born Aug. 22, 1933, in Edon, Ohio, to Walker and Alka (Fraley) Birchfield. He married Betty Birchfield, who preceded him in death in 1995.

He is survived by one son, Linden (and wife Sharon), Birchfield Jr. of Fremont; two daughters, Shelly (and husband John) Kellogg of Edon, Ohio, and Linda (and husband John) Hutter of Fremont; two brothers, James Birchfield of Coldwater, Mich., and Robert Birchfield of Litchfield, Mich.; three sisters, Kathryn Woods of Homer, Mich., Lucille (and husband Andrew) Dudek of Fayetteville, N.C., and Shirley (and husband Fred) Dale of Coldwater, Mich.

He also was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

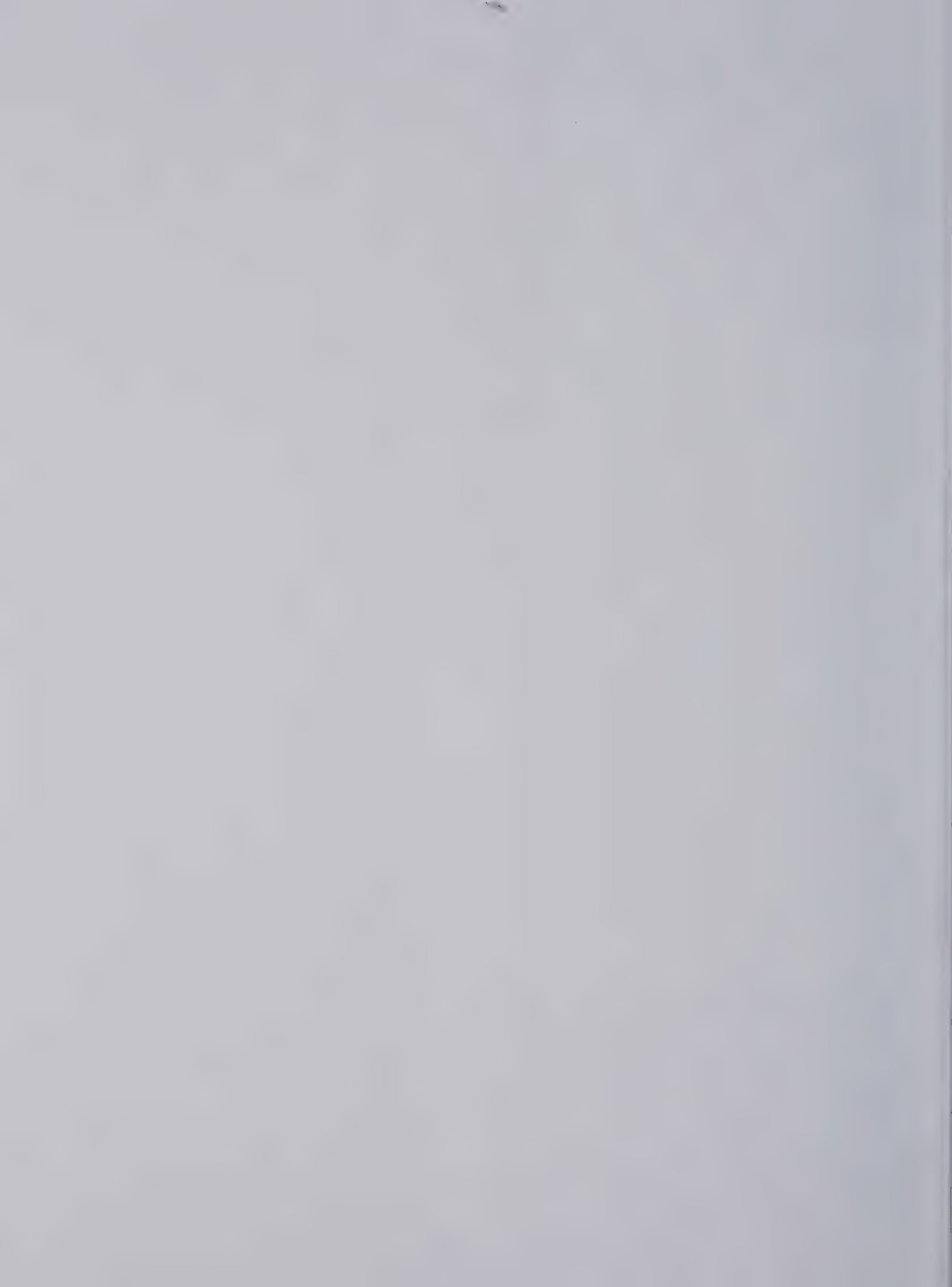
Richard Eakright

BUTLER — Richard E. Eakright, 73, died Friday at 4 a.m. at his home in Butler.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.





Deaths/Funerals

Priscilla Skinner

AUBURN — Priscilla L. Bradshaw Skinner, 54, died Sunday at 5:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne. She also worked for the VA Hospital in Marion, DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, and Marion General Hospital in Marion. She lived in Auburn, moving from Fort Wayne. She was a member of Bradford Pike Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born Sept. 6, 1942, in Marion. Her parents, Charles Cook and Maxine McMillan, both survive in Marion.

Also surviving are two sons, Lloyd Bradshaw of Mathews and Louis Bradshaw of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lloya Osier of Fort Wayne and Belinda Bellam of Columbia City; five stepsons, Paul A. Skinner of Ligonier, Peter A. Skinner and Patrick Skinner, both of Kendallville, Louise E. Skinner of Los Angeles and Jonathon D. Skinner of Syracuse; two sisters, Linda Chambers of Marion and Brenda Henderson of Arizona; a half-sister, Jeanie Bogue of Michigan City; and 15 grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Elwood Sluss and the Rev. Art Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Doris Sheldon

COLDWATER, Mich. — Doris M. Sheldon, 77, died Friday at 11:20 p.m. in Maplelawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater.

She was born Aug. 6, 1919, in Waterloo to Ova and Dolly (Frick) Gipple. She married Stan Sheldon, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, Rosco Vaughn of Coldwater, Frank Vaughn of Mount Dora, Fla., and George Vaughn of Iron River, Mich.; one daughter, Judy Thurston of Mount Plymouth, Fla.; two brothers; one sister; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Dawn Petras

ANGOLA — Dawn Renee Petras, 17, died Saturday at 4:25 a.m. at the scene of a traffic accident on U.S. 20 near State Road 3 in LaGrange County.

She was a lifelong Angola resident and a member of the junior class at Angola High School, where she was a member of the Y Club. She was employed at Ann Taylor Women's Apparel at Horizon Outlet Mall, Angola.

Miss Petras was born June 21, 1979, in Fort Wayne to Sharon R. (Tarr) and David L. Petras Sr. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are one brother, David L. Petras Jr. of Angola; a grandfather, Oliver Tarr of Montpelier, Ohio; and a grandmother, Eleanora Zimmerman of Angola.

She was preceded in death by two grandparents, Evelyn Tarr in 1991 and Nicholas Petras in 1978.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will take place Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Joseph Allen officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Reyd Kocher

STROH — Reyd Alexander Kocher of Stroh was stillborn at 4:04 a.m. Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Gary and Natalie (Brewer) Kocher of Stroh, who are members of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. Natalie Kocher was injured in an accident involving an ambulance on U.S. 20 early Saturday.

Surviving in addition to his parents are paternal grandparents, Dale and Darleen Kocher of Stroh; maternal grandparents, Paul "Tony" and Marie Brewer of Auburn; great-grandparents, Henry and Lottie Cracraft of Auburn, and Lucy Balentine of Garrett.

A private graveside service will be held in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Ralph O. Diehl officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Furip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Schaefer

AVILLA — Phillip A. Schaefer, 56, of Avilla, died at 5 a.m. Saturday at the family residence. He had been in declining health for the past year.

Mr. Schaefer was born in New Haven on May 20, 1940, to Phillip Edward and Anna (McComb) Schaefer, and spent all of his formative years in that community. He lived in Decatur for 17 years and at Big Turkey Lake for five years, before moving to Avilla in 1993.

He was employed for 17 years at Decatur Salvage, and was employed as a mechanic at L and L Leasing in Waterloo for three years until retiring in 1995 due to ill health.

He attended New Life Fellowship Church of God in Columbia City.

He was married to Sharon M. Smith on Jan. 19, 1995. She survives.

Other survivors are five sons, Phillip E. Schaefer of Pleasant Mills, William Allen Schaefer and Dannie A. Schaefer, both of Decatur, Steven R. Smith of Kendallville, and Mark Smith of Waterloo; four daughters, Penny Dominguez, Carol Schaefer and Mrs. Keith (Lewana) Smeal, all of Decatur, and Vickey Franklin of Pleasant Mills; four brothers, Vernon Schaefer of Decatur, Clarence "Pete" Schaefer and Donald Schaefer, both of Harlan, and Virgil Schaefer of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Anna) Stippich and Phyllis "Pat" Ladig, both of Monroeville; and two stepbrothers, Jimmy Colette of Fort Wayne, and Jon "Bobby" Colette of New Haven; and 16 grandchildren.

Calling is at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, from 2-9 p.m. today.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Ballard, pastor of New Life Fellowship Church of God in Columbia City, officiating.

Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.



Bryan Allred

LAGRANGE — Bryan W. Allred, 30, died at 5 a.m. Saturday of injuries sustained in a traffic accident on U.S. 20 about seven miles east of LaGrange.

Mr. Allred, a LaGrange County Emergency Medical Services paramedic, was on duty when the accident occurred.

Mr. Allred was born March 14, 1966, in Rochester to Voight and Shirley (Jernigan) Allred. His mother survives in Shipshewana. On April 21, 1990, in Angola, he married Mary C. Schultis, who survives and is a dispatcher with the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The lifetime resident of LaGrange County was a member of the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department, was a reserve officer with the LaGrange Police Department, and was an instructor for the Indiana Emergency Management Agency.

Surviving along with his wife and mother are two daughters, Samantha L. Allred and Emily M. Allred, both at home; two brothers, Michael Padgett of Shipshewana and Mark Padgett of Elkhart; and three sisters, Martha Ann Key of Huntsville, Ala., Christine Yoder of Shipshewana and Angela Allred of LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Church of God, Ind. 9 North, LaGrange, with the Rev. Ethel Mae Champ and the Rev. Brad Ulick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Allred Children's Trust, through Farmers State Bank, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Gaff

ANGOLA — Bonnie W. Gaff, 54, died Saturday at 4:10 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was the secretary-treasurer of Electri-Tec in Angola.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Angola Christian Church. The Rev. James Saunders will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Laura Halsey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Laura L. Halsey, 25, died at 4:25 a.m. Saturday of injuries sustained in a traffic accident on U.S. 20 about seven miles east of LaGrange. Halsey, an advanced emergency medical technician with the Stroh Volunteer Fire Department, was on duty when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Halsey was born Nov. 10, 1971, in Kendallville to Frederick J. and Maryellen (Campbell) Auman. On Sept. 30, 1995, in Kendallville, she married Vaughn A. Halsey, who survives at Pretty Lake. Her father and stepmother, Mary Ellen Auman of Wolcottville, and her mother, Maryellen Dismore of Crab Orchard, Tenn., also survive.

Mrs. Halsey worked for Tower Ribbons in Topeka. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, and the Kendallville Jaycees. She was recently named LaGrange County EMT of the Year.

Also surviving are one sister, Heidi Hebblethwaite of Rapid City, S.D.; one half-brother, William Likes of Cleveland, Ohio; and two stepsisters, Krista Feightner of Topeka and Kerri Charwood of Elkhart.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Griebel, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

David Hill

Jeffrey Hill

LAGRANGE — Services for David W. Hill, 30, and his brother, Jeffrey A. Hill, 31, are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Both men died as the result of separate but related traffic accidents that occurred early Saturday morning in LaGrange County.

Evening Star
Sun., Dec 23, 1996 (cont'd)

Josephine DePaolo

AVILLA — Josephine DePaolo, 90, of Avilla, died at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

On March 31, 1906, in Reynoldsville, Pa., she was born to Adolph LePri and Louise Iagnocco. On July 31, 1976, in Fort Wayne, she married Frank DePaolo, who survives.

Mrs. DePaolo was a homemaker and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and the Monday Club of the church. She had spent most of her life in the Fort Wayne area.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Tony and Donald T. DiFillipo, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Rachel L.

Stuckey of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Joan Baumgartner and Violet Fox, both of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Patricia Stooddy of Fort Wayne, and Mary Kimmel of Garrett; two stepsons, John DePaolo of Garrett, and Ralph DePaolo of Bloomington; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today at St. Jude Catholic Church, Randallia Drive at State Boulevard, Fort Wayne, with Fathers William Schooler and William Van Kempen officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and the St. Jude Catholic Church Building Fund.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.



Deaths/Funerals

Mary Adamsons

ANGOLA — Mary Adamsons, 83, died Sunday at 6:48 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She had retired as a nurse's aide at Elmhurst Hospital, Angola.

She was born in Latvia. She married Zanis Adamsons, who preceded her in death in 1993.

She is survived by two sons, John of Decatur and Juris of Angola; one daughter, Rita Wilson of Angola; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Harold, in 1964.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with visitation one hour before services. The Rev. Robert Simms will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

James Hoeffel

FORT WAYNE — James A. Hoeffel, 70, died Sunday at home.

He was born in DeKalb County and worked at Alro Steel Corp., retiring in 1993 after 45 years.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; a daughter, Cynthia Boneff of Fort Wayne; five sons, Michael Hoeffel of Myrtle Beach, S.C., William Hoeffel of Royal Oak, Mich., James R. Hoeffel with the U.S. Air Force in Korea, and Joseph Hoeffel and Daniel Hoeffel, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Ann Lash of Avilla; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:40 a.m. Friday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., and 10 a.m. Friday in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home, where prayer services will be at 4:30 p.m. and the rosary recited at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice, the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church building fund or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Maurine Fitch

GARRETT — Maurine L. Fitch, 94, died Sunday at 12:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Fitch was a librarian at the Garrett Public Library for 23 years, retiring in 1974, and lived on South Randolph Street in Garrett. She graduated from Oxford College and studied library sciences one year at Indiana University.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a past worthy matron. She was a charter member of Sigma Phi Gamma and a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Fitch was born July 23, 1902, in Garrett to the late Tracey and Nina (Miller) Little.

She married Oscar F. Fitch on Nov. 1, 1924, in Angola, and he died in 1951.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth D. of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; two granddaughters, Sue Ann Fitch of Denver, and Sandra Jean Colby of Arvada, Colo.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Alan, and a brother, Jack Little.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Presbyterian Church or Garrett Public Library.

Sarah Foley

AUBURN — A funeral Mass for Sarah B. Foley, 107, will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Mrs. Foley died Dec. 6. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Gingrich

TOLEDO, Ohio — Dale I. Gingrich, 84, died Monday at 6:30 a.m. in Briarfield of Point Place, Toledo.

Mr. Gingrich formerly worked for the Curtis Candy Co. in Fort Wayne and was a cattle breeder in DeKalb County. He moved to Wisconsin and owned a Bel-Tone store there. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a 50-year member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214. He was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10331, and American Legion Post 0179, all in Chetek, Wis.; Disabled American Veterans Post 50 of Baron County, Wis., and the Moose Lodge in Superior, Wis.

He was born April 5, 1912, in DeKalb County to the late William and Myra (Warner) Gingrich.

He married Beatrice Jacobson on Oct. 17, 1964, and she died in November 1995.

Surviving are one daughter, Sally Ferguson of Toledo; two stepsons, Blain Jacobson of Aurora, Minn., and Victor Jacobson of South Range, Wis.; one stepdaughter, Jean Tupper of Monroe, Wis.; one brother, Frank of Auburn; two grandchildren, Teresa Cross and Douglas Williams; seven stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jane Russell; two brothers, Donald and Chester; and one sister, Lamona Wilmont.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Kathryn Shockley

SPENCERVILLE — Kathryn Shockley, 95, died Monday at 6:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Evening Star
Tues., Dec 24, 1996 (Wed)

Kenneth Emerick

ANGOLA — Kenneth L. Emerick, 90, of Otter Lake, rural Angola, died at 9:57 p.m. Monday in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He was born in Wayne Township, Noble County, Jan. 19, 1906, to Cecil W. and Harriett (Tucker) Emerick. On April 9, 1927, in Elkhart, he married Mabel E. Eulitt. She preceded him in death Aug. 11, 1995.

Mr. Emerick moved from Kendallville to Otter Lake 24 years ago. He was a lifetime farmer and also sold cars for Ed Pankop for 20 years in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Janis) Anderson of Angola; six grandchildren, Jane Smith of LaGrange, Lori Ramey, David Anderson and Stan Anderson, all of Angola, Lisa Moore of Fort Wayne, and Steven Anderson of Turkey Lake, Stroh; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Avis Burnett, Eileen Zellers and Kathleen Bergman.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

There is no visitation.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur Woodcock

AUBURN — Arthur C. Woodcock, 80, died early Monday morning at his home on North Van Buren Street.

Mr. Woodcock was a brakeman for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He was stationed in California, Idaho and Angola while serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He was born Jan. 10, 1916, in Garrett to the late Arthur H. and Sarah Anne (Foster) Woodcock.

His first wife, Lorene E. Gump Woodcock, died Sept. 1, 1945. His second wife, Elizabeth McConnell, died Feb. 8, 1974. He married Lois Johnson on May 1, 1976, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Arthur R. of Myrtle Point, Ore., and Charles G. of Kendallville; two daughters, Christine A. Cross of Holland, Mich., and Alice M. Rice of Kendallville; one stepson, Don Johnson of Ottawa, Ill.; two brothers, Roger G. of Corunna and Ralph A. of Santa Barbara, Calif.; four sisters, Margaret E. Truman of Glendora, Calif., Florence L. Berndt of Butler, Patricia L. Sutton of Fort Wayne, and Edith M. Miller of Waterloo; nine grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Alfred; one sister, Charlotte Shutt; one stepson, Dave Johnson; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Reynolds.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Abe Peters

LAGRANGE — Abe H. Peters, 80, of LaGrange, an emeritus Mennonite minister, died at 9:10 p.m. Sunday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, where he had resided since September 1995.

He was born Sept. 22, 1916, in Henderson, Neb., to Peter and Marie (Peters) Peters. In 1940 he married Martha Schmidt. She preceded him in death in July 1977. On Nov. 23, 1978, in LaGrange, he married Emma Miller. She survives.

He was ordained in 1946 as a Mennonite minister. He served various churches and from 1979 until 1985 was the Indiana State Prison chaplain. He was a member of Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church. He and his wife moved to LaGrange in 1993.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. James (Lois) Loflin of Halstead, Kan., and Mrs. Harold (Janice) Gingerich of Topeka; two sons, Edwin Peters of Wichita, Kan., and Galen Peters of Howe; five stepsons, Lamar and Irvin, both of Sturgis, Mich., Vernon of Angola, Delbert of Shipshewana, and Clifford of Ligonier; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Elsie Friday of Peabody, Kan., and Verna Funk of Hillsboro, Kan.; and three brothers, Gerhard Peters, Harvey Peters and Ralph Peters, all of Kansas.

A sister, Edna Marck, preceded him in death in 1980.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Barry Schmell officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Thursday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church or Colson Prison Ministries.

Robert Houser

GREENTOWN — Robert J. Houser, 87, died Dec. 19 at 7:30 a.m. in Century Villa, Greentown.

Mr. Houser was a retired tool-and-die maker and lived in Greentown. He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church and a former past master of Huntertown Masonic Lodge 689.

He was born Oct. 12, 1909, in DeKalb County to the late Lloyd and Jennie (Kelham) Houser.

He married Elizabeth Spaulding in 1935 and she died in 1978. He married Ruby Dosch Clark in 1979 in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dennis Lloyd of Phillips Ranch, Calif.; two daughters, Dorcas Anne Cleworth of Corona, Calif., and Jane Lynn Houser of Garden Grove, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Troyer of McComb, Ill., and Nancy Willis of Lake City, Mich.; one brother, James of North Fort Myers, Fla.; one sister, Ruth Lee of Auburn; three grandchildren, Gregory Monteith, Stacie Webster and Todd Houser; nine stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Ellen Monteith; four brothers, two sisters, and one grandson, Scott.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Dennis Houser Memorial Fund, 30 Los Felis, Pomona, CA 91766.

Deaths/Funerals

Kathryn Shockley

AUBURN — Kathryn E. Shockley, 95, of Auburn, and formerly of Spencerville, died Monday at 6:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born in Henry County and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star 386.

Her husband, Hershel Shockley, died in 1967.

She is survived by two sons, Hershel "Bud" Shockley of St Joe and Robert Shockley of Auburn; a daughter, Margaret Conner of Blountsville; 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Roland Shockley, and two daughters, Louise Zimmerman and Betty Rediger, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Spencerville United Methodist Church. Burial will take place in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Rita M. Sage, 54, died Monday. Services were today in Churubusco.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert DeWitt Butcher, 73, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Thelma Schannen

ASHLEY — Thelma Vae Schannen, 85, of Ashley, died at 3:16 a.m. Wednesday in Carlin Park Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born in Auburn March 6, 1911, to Lee and Leone (Hinman) Wise. On April 22, 1934, in Ashley, she married Robert Schannen Sr. He preceded her in death Oct. 18, 1984.

Mrs. Schannen, nearly a lifetime resident of the Ashley community, was a 1923 graduate of Ashley High School and Ball State University. She retired from teaching in the Ashley and Pleasant Lake schools after 14 1/2 years. She was also a homemaker and farm wife. After retiring she volunteered in several area schools. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Steve (Marilyn) Newman of rural Hudson and Mrs. Jerry (Phyllis) Foley of Hamilton; a son, Robert Schannen Jr. of Ashley; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Eddy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Florence Lint

BUTLER — Florence Mae Lint, 81, died Tuesday at 12:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Lint was a homemaker. She was born Nov. 15, 1915, in DeKalb County to Lloyd and Victoria (Collette) Beard.

She married John T. Lint on March 14, 1934, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard and Ralph, both of Auburn; two daughters, Carolyn Strawn of Butler and Darlene Jackemeyer of Auburn; two brothers, Clarence Beard and Don Beard, both of Butler; three sisters, Vivian Werner of Waterloo and Pauline Eck and Agnes Suntken, both of Butler; a half-sister, June Jozefowicz of Montpelier, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Dorothy Dunham and Virginia Hart.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, at 10:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Kraus officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or DeKalb Spectra Care.

Evening Star, Thurs., Dec. 26, 1996 (cont'd)

Agnes Russell

AUBURN — Agnes M. Russell, 98, formerly of Midway Drive, Auburn, died Monday at 7:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Russell was a homemaker. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the church women's circle, the Mary Martha Society, the Culture Club, and the Auburn Garden Club.

She was born Aug. 12, 1898, in Bluffton to Louis and Janet (Gregg) Reiff, who are deceased.

On Sept. 8, 1918, she married her husband, Gerald, in Bluffton. He preceded her in death Oct. 3, 1969.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruthann Buttermore of Auburn; a son, Roger W. Russell of Leesburg, Fla.; three grandchildren, Eric Buttermore of Houston, and Brad and Gregg Buttermore, both of Auburn; and a great-grandson, Adam Buttermore of Auburn.

A half-brother, Milas Reiff, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Bluffton, 215 E. Dustman Road, with the Rev. Robert A. Heimach, pastor of the church, officiating.

Friends may call Monday from 4-7 p.m., at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, or one hour prior to services at the church.

A graveside service will take place immediately following the funeral at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or Eckhart Public Library.

Martha Rigney

ANDERSON — Martha T. (Toles) Rigney, 81, of Anderson, died Monday at her home after an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 5, 1915 and was a lifetime Anderson resident.

She was a member of the Markleville East Christian Church and a member of UAW Local 663. She retired in 1978 from Guide Lamp Division of General Motors.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ed (Raynell) Proksa of Auburn and Mrs. Jack (Marcia) Stinson of Anderson; three sisters, Helen Malone of Phoenix, Nancy Matthews of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Ann Watson of Muncie; two grandsons, Ross Sibery (and wife Kelly) of Warsaw, Rodrick Sibery (and wife Renee) of Garrett; one stepgrandson, John Stinson; one stepgreat-grandson, Tyler Shaw of Garrett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cecil R. Sayre, who died in 1958, her second husband, Gene Rigney, who died in 1992, and her parents, Charles and Nelle (Clayton) Toles.

Funeral services will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson, with the Rev. Ned Clark officiating.

Friends may call today from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the oncology unit of St. John's Health System.

Deaths/Funerals

Henry Asher Jr.

AUBURN — Henry F. Asher Jr., 75, died Sunday at 1:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. He had been a resident of Meadowhaven Healthcare Center, Butler, for the past six months.

Mr. Asher was born April 16, 1921, in Anderson.

He is survived by his guardians, Tony and Sandra Sokol of Auburn; two cousins, Pam and Terry Putt of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Jeane Bamford; and a friend, Tina Hummer of Auburn.

A memorial service will take place Jan. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Auburn Missionary Church. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Philip Drerup

AUBURN — Philip Michael Drerup, 42, of Auburn, died suddenly Wednesday in his Auburn home.

He was born in Auburn to Paul and Margaret (Walter) Drerup. He recently had been employed with Her-mac Inc., of Auburn, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Drerup of Auburn; four brothers, Joseph of Olney, Md., David of Rochelle, Ill., Stephen of Fort Wayne, and Vincent of Cincinnati; six sisters, Joan Drerup of Sherman Oaks, Calif., Rosemary Drerup of Dallas, Suzanne Davis of Los Angeles, Louise Kelly of Palm Harbor, Fla., Teresa (Drerup) Ofer of Cooperstown, N.Y., and Christine Williams of Muncie; a step-grandfather, Lloyd Myers of Auburn; a great-aunt, Alwilda Walter of Auburn; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

A memorial service will take place in January at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to DeKalb County Youth For Christ, the YMCA of DeKalb County, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Alma Brown

FORT WAYNE — Alma K. Brown, 91, died at midnight Wednesday in St. Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brown retired in 1984 from the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, where she worked as an accountant. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and St. Francis Guild at St. Francis College.

She was born in Auburn on March 17, 1905, to Clarence A. and Mary (Wetoeskey) Dunn.

She is survived by two daughters, Cyril Berlien of Fort Wayne and Paula Hanson of Beaverton, Ore.; two sons, Thomas J. of Indianapolis and G. Michael of Camarill, Calif.; two sisters, Hilda Daeger of Antwerp, Ohio, and Margaret McKeown of Crawfordsville; two brothers, Albert Dunn and Loren Dunn, both of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne. Father William Schooler will officiate.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A vigil service will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Catholic School Adopt-A-Student Fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Luther M. Jackson, 87, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

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Helen Delagrange

AUBURN — Helen M. Delagrange, 92, died today at 7:30 a.m. in Riverview Hospital at Noblesville.

She was a homemaker and a former member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She spent most of her life in Auburn, before moving to the Westfield Village Nursing Home at Westfield in 1988.

She was born Oct. 2, 1904, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Alma (Houseman) Kilfoy. Her husband, Joseph Delagrange, died July 6, 1971.

Surviving her are two sons, Delbert of Houston and Robert C. of Carmel; one sister, Virginia Olry of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Jean Morus; a brother, Joe Kilfoy; and three sisters, Mildred Goelein, Dorothy Castro and Violet Bobay.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, where a rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will take place Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, where friends may call one hour prior to services. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to Masses or the Catholic Cemetery Fund.



Deaths/Funerals

Irene Kenyon

ANGOLA — Irene F. Kenyon, 87, died Friday at her home in Angola.

She graduated from Cleveland City Hospital and became a registered nurse. She was an alumni of the year from the nursing school.

She was also a volunteer for Steuben County Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she organized and taught mother-baby classes. She also volunteered her services to the Steuben County Well Child Clinic.

She was treasurer of the Steuben County Council on Aging board of directors. In 1986 she was voted Woman of the Year.

She was born May 26, 1909, in Cleveland to Percy D. and Jessie (Warner) Scoville. On June 6, 1934, she married Charles Kenyon. He preceded her in death in 1974.

She is survived by cousins and friends in Steuben County.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Monday in Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola. Pastor Donald E. Meyers and the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Bonnie Peters

AUBURN — Bonnie L. Peters, 85, died Friday at 10:12 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. She was born in Jackson Township on Jan. 5, 1911, and was a lifetime resident of DeKalb County.

She is survived by her husband, Harry F. Peters of Auburn; a daughter, Marilyn G. Kipfer of Paulding, Ohio; a brother, Roy Sponhower of Auburn; two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One sister and one brother preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

Services will take place Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, where friends may call one hour prior to services. The Rev. Paul Burrus, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

Nellie Moreland

AUBURN — Nellie Moreland, 82, died Friday at 2 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. She had been a resident of Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Moreland of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilson, who died in 1987.

Friends may call Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with funeral services to be held Tuesday at the funeral home. Times for the calling and services are pending.

Vernie Minor

PIPPA PASSES, Ky. — Vernie Slone Minor, 80, died Dec. 20 in her home in Pippa Passes.

She was born in Knott County, Ky., on Jan. 16, 1916, to Ben and Isabelle Slone.

She is survived by eight sons, Dewey Slone of Kendallville, Chalmer and Bennie Slone, both of Rome City, Johnny Slone of Ligonier, Ralph Slone and Sid Minor of Pippa Passes, Hershel Slone of Brimfield, and Chad Slone of Hazard, Ky.; one daughter, Margaret Jacobs of Auburn; two brothers, Ford and Columbus Slone of Garner, Ky.; 42 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Mount Olive Regular Baptist Church at Pippa Passes, with Clyde Jacobs and Emmitt Slone officiating. Burial followed at Slone Cemetery, Pippa Passes.

Arrangements were handled by Hindman Funeral Services at Hindman, Ky.

Ricky DelaFuente

LIGONIER — Ricky E. DelaFuente, 22, died Thursday at 1:20 p.m. in a shooting incident in Ligonier.

Mr. DelaFuente had lived in Bremen until 1986, then in Bourbon before moving to Ligonier six months ago. He had attended Triton High School, and also attended Bremen Church of God.

He was born Jan. 19, 1974, in South Bend to Luis and Sherri (Wicker) DelaFuente. His father survives in Texas, and his mother and stepfather, Sherri and Terry McGuire, survive in Bourbon.

Also surviving are one son, Eric Wade of Waverly, Ohio; maternal grandparents, Anthony Wicker of Beaver, Ohio, and Mrs. Janet Weldy of Ligonier; paternal grandmother, Sabina DelaFuente of Mexico; two sisters, Monica DelaFuente and Tera McGuire, both of Bourbon; and two brothers, Joey and Luis DelaFuente, both of Texas.

A funeral service will take place Monday at 3 p.m. at Deaton Funeral Home in Bourbon, with the Rev. John Bollinger officiating. Friends may call Monday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bourbon.

Deaths/Funerals

Edith Deininger

SPENCERVILLE — Edith Mae Deininger, 71, died Saturday morning at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Deininger was a former millinery manager at Kmart North in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 13, 1925, in Philadelphia to the late John and Edith (Corrigan) Wyatt.

She married Edward R. Deininger on March 11, 1944, in Philadelphia, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert of Woodstock, Ga.; three daughters, Becky Zink of St. Joe, Deberah Whitsell of Hartford City and Donna Zink of Auburn; two brothers, Russell Wyatt of Framingham, Mass. and Paul Bryant of Wisconsin; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One son, Keven E., preceded her in death Jan. 2, 1996.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with calling after 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Turnstone Rehabilitation Center, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Kathleen "Katie" Moreno**, 4, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Gregory Alan Hetrick**, 42, died Thursday. Memorial services were Sunday in Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE — **Aleida G. Szczepanski**, 68, died Saturday. Services were today in Fort Wayne.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bernard W. "Bernie" Owen**, 56, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

ORLAND — **Wendell F. Medlock**, 45, died Friday. Services will be at a later date. No calling.

TOPEKA — **Norma Gates**, 72, died Saturday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. No calling.

Mary Concus

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary K. Concus, 77, died Saturday at Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Concus was a member of Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church and had lived in Pleasant Lake since 1968, after moving from Pennsylvania.

She retired in 1986 as an electric cord stripper at Hamilton Products. She was a World War II veteran and served with the Women's Army Corps.

She was born March 21, 1919, in St. Mary's, Ohio, to James P. and Pearl (Graham) Baker, who preceded her in death.

On April 7, 1945, she married Michael L. Concus Sr., who preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are three sons, Michael L. Concus Jr. of Pleasant Lake, Tim Concus of Pleasant Lake, and Larry Concus of Hebron; one daughter, Alta Arnold of Angola; one brother, James Baker of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Pat Kruse of Fort Wayne and Betty Ferris of Indiana; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Pastor Darold Beck officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Nellie Moreland

AUBURN — Nellie Moreland, 82, died Friday at 2 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Moreland worked for the Whole Shoe Co. in St. Louis for 25 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of County Line Church of God.

She was born Oct. 11, 1914, in Missouri to the late James H. and Mary Belle Smith.

She married Wilson Moreland on Dec. 24, 1934, in St. Louis and he died May 5, 1987.

Surviving are one son, Jerry of Auburn; one sister, Mary Belle Vance of Effingham, Ill.; three grandchildren, Robert Moreland, Renee Gould, and Randy Moreland; five stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Norman; one sister, Carrie Doyle; and one brother.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Alan Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the County Line Church of God building fund.

Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 30, 1996 (cont'd)

Glida Lochamire

HUDSON — Glida M. Lochamire, 84, of Hudson, died at 12:10 a.m. today in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 9, 1912, in Steuben County to Glen and Edna (Lemmon) Greenwood. On Sept. 27, 1930, in Angola, she married Harold L. Lochamire. He preceded her in death Oct. 29, 1984.

Mrs. Lochamire, a homemaker, was a lifetime Steuben County resident. She had worked at Auburn Rubber Co.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Lochamire and Ronald Lochamire, both of rural Hudson; a brother, Walter Greenwood of Ashley; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Phyllis Jacobs and Norma Lee Snyder, a brother, Don Greenwood, and a sister, Olive Reese.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham of Helmer United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Heart Association.

Wendell Medlock

ORLAND — Wendell F. Medlock, 45, of rural Orland, died at 11:15 p.m. Friday in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

He was born May 24, 1951, in Crabtree, Ark., to Earl J. and Frances Lavone (Hoyle) Medlock. His father survives in Orland, and his mother in Clinton, Ark. On July 24, 1976, in Niles, Mich., he married Judi Backensto. She also survives.

Mr. Medlock, a construction subcontractor with Diamond Builders in Kendallville, moved to this area in 1981 from New Buffalo, Mich. He was a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 OES, LaGrange, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F.& A.M. in LaGrange, for which he was 1996 worshipful master; LaGrange County Shrine Club, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and Moose Lodge 1351, LaGrange.

Surviving with his wife and parents are a daughter, Mrs. Clayton (Shauna) Schwartz of Nottawa, Mich.; a son, Travis Medlock of Orland; a sister, Mrs. Bill (Lawana) Backensto of Orland; a grandmother, Jessie Hoyle of Crabtree; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

There is no visitation.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

Deaths/Funerals

Dennis Brincefield

AUBURN — Dennis Brincefield, 45, died Sunday at 3:40 p.m. in his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Brincefield was a self-employed flooring contractor.

He was born Dec. 4, 1951, in Fort Wayne to the late Carl W. and Vera (Gross) Brincefield.

He married D. Susan Brandt on Aug. 4, 1973, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Carista H. Brincefield of Auburn; two sons, Matthew L. and Tony R., both of Auburn; two brothers, Larry of Hernando, Fla., and Robert of Derby, Kan.; and one sister, Marjorie Brincefield of Fort Wayne.

Two brothers, Gary and William, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Rick Garmon and the Rev. Alan Gibson, pastors of Auburn Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial donations may be given to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene or Visiting Nurse Service.

Richard Strong Sr.

WATERLOO — Richard H. Strong Sr., 72, died Sunday at 10 p.m. in his Waterloo home.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Raymond Foltz

SPENCERVILLE — Raymond J. Foltz, 88, died Monday morning at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Foltz was a self-employed blacksmith and a member of the Spencer Township Fire Department.

He was born Nov. 22, 1908, in Allen County to the late William E. and Martha Elizabeth (Zehntner) Foltz.

He married Mary Elizabeth Jordan on June 28, 1952, in Cambridge City, and she survives.

One brother, Walter Foltz, and one sister, Geraldine Foltz, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Spencerville United Methodist Church or Spencer Township Fire Department are preferred.

Leola Rapp

WATERLOO — Leola M. Rapp, 96, died Monday at 9 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Rapp was a homemaker and formerly lived on U.S. 6, Waterloo. She attended the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 17, 1900, in Bremen to the late Daniel J. and Clara (Knovlock) Miller.

She married William F. Rapp in 1918 in Goshen, and he died in 1976.

Surviving are one son, Donald F. of Englewood, Fla.; one daughter, Willene Critney of Waterloo; one brother, Loyal Miller of South Bend; eight grandchildren, one stepgranddaughter, 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, and two stepgreat-great-grandsons.

Services will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 6 p.m. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Violet Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Wendell Medlock

ORLAND — Wendell F. Medlock, 45, of rural Orland, died at 11:15 p.m. Friday in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

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Mr. Medlock, a construction subcontractor with Diamond Builders in Kendallville, moved to this area in 1981 from New Buffalo, Mich. He was a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 OES, LaGrange, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F.&A.M. in LaGrange, for which he was 1996 worshipful master; LaGrange County Shrine Club, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and Moose Lodge 1351, LaGrange.

Surviving with his wife and parents are a daughter, Mrs. Clayton (Shauna) Schwartz of Nottawa, Mich.; a son, Travis Medlock of Orland; a sister, Mrs. Bill (Lawana) Backensto of Orland; a grandmother, Jessie Hoyle of Crabtree; and a grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in LaGrange Masonic Lodge, LaGrange, with Sylvan Chapter 251 OES and Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F.&A.M. of LaGrange in charge of services.

There is no visitation.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

Esther Luecke

FORT WAYNE — Esther L. Luecke, 93, died Monday at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Rev. Harold M. Luecke, former pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen P. and Sue Luecke of Plainfield; two grandsons, Matthew and Paul; and a sister, Clara Mesing of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lutheran Home Chapel, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd. Calling will be an hour before services at the chapel. Burial will be in Old Concordia Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Evening Star, Dec. 31, 1996 (cont'd)

Donald Lutes

GLEN DALE, W.Va. — Donald R. Lutes, 75, died Dec. 21 in the early morning at his home in Glen Dale, W.Va.

He was former owner of Lutes Funeral Home, in Moundsville, W.Va., and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, VFW Post 437, and American Legion Earl Francis Post 3, all in Moundsville.

Mr. Lutes was born April 3, 1921, in Moundsville to the late Lawrence R. and Isadora (Howell) Lutes.

He married Doris Jeanette Peabody on July 26, 1942, in Wellsburg, W.Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Brenda Sue Fogle of Auburn; two sons, Gary R. of Glen Dale and Donald "Brent" of Wheeling, W.Va.; one sister, Alive Joy Adkins of Moundsville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, H. Reed, in 1995; a half-sister, Evelyn Antrobus, and two grandchildren.

Services took place Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. in Moundsville. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville.

Waunetta Lowther

ANGOLA — Waunetta M. Lowther, 82, died Sunday at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home, Montpelier, Ohio.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church, Angola, and a 50-year member and past matron of the Angola Chapter 78 Order of Eastern Star. She was a former member of Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was born Aug. 1, 1913, in Steuben County to Daniel and Cora Mae (Noragon) Nelson.

On Oct. 9, 1930, she married Robert A. Lowther and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1986.

She is survived by one son, Robert (and wife, Mary Jane) Lowther of Brownsville; one daughter, Anita Taylor of Montpelier, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services and burial will take place Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association and Steuben County Council on Aging.

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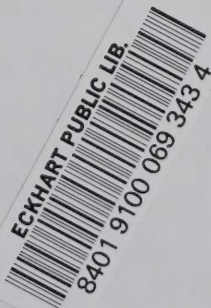


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